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THE CANAL QUESTION.

REVIEW OF THE SITUATION AT ALBANY.

THE NUMEROUS COMMITTEES OF INVESTIGATION—FINAL ACTION OF THE LEGISLATURE IN REGARD TO THEM—CHARACTER OF THE RECENT LEGISLATION—MORE HASTE THAN DISCRETION—GRAVE DEFECT OF SENATOR JACOBS' BILL—LEGAL OPINIONS OF ITS EXACT SCOPE—PROPOSITIONS OF THE GOVERNOR IN REGARD TO THE CANAL SYSTEM, AND HOW THEY ARE REGARDED—THE PUBLIC WORKS INSPECTOR—OBJECTIONS TO THE CREATION OF SUCH AN OFFICE — OTHER MATTERS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, April 1.—It is now about two weeks since Gov. Tilden sent his special Message on the subject of the canals to the Legislature. Within that brief space of time no less than five investigating committees have been proposed. Of these, two will probably never be appointed. The first of the two is the Commission of Three, whose appointment by the Governor was moved by Mr. Schuyler in the Assembly, where the resolution was adopted only to find a quiet resting-place on the table of the Senate. The second of these two still-born committees is the one which Jarvis Lord asked might be appointed by the President of the Senate. For this latter committee, however, the Joint Committee of Six, consisting of three members of each house, to be chosen by their respective presiding officers, must be regarded as a substitute, since, so far at least as the Senate is concerned, the appointment of this committee was mainly influenced by a wish to grant to the great contractor that which, as a member of the Senate, he asked from his fellow-Senators, viz., that a committee should be appointed which should have some limit assigned to its labors, and which, by prolonging its inquisition over a period of years, might not keep him in suspense during that space of time. The request, being made on personal grounds, could not be denied, and so the appointment of the committee was ordered, with instructions to report within thirty days. On account of the limitation, but little is expected from this committee, and it is generally conceded that the best and most thorough work must be looked for from the commission of four, whose appointment by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, has been ordered by both Houses. The personnel of the commission can hardly be predicted as yet, but of the Senate portion of the Committee it is generally expected that Senators Cole and Jacobs will be members. They certainly both have claims to the position, the first as being Chairman of the Canal Committee, and the latter as being generally understood to speak for the Governor in the Upper House. The membership of the third Committee is fully known. It was appointed by the Canal Board yesterday, and consists of Lieut. Gov. Dorsheimer, Attorney General Pratt, and State Engineer Sweet.

The extraordinary zeal manifested by the Canal Board in the appointment of this committee at this time cannot but excite a smile. The same power of appointment was possessed during all the years that the just-discovered frauds were in progress, but it was not until the State had been defrauded and the board itself was charged to be not without blame in the premises; or, in other words, it was not until the cat was out of the bag, and the appointment of the Commissioner could do little good or harm, that the board awoke to the possession of its powers and the performance of its duty.

It will thus be seen that there has been a great abundance of legislation on canal matters in the past fortnight; but it must be admitted that it has been marked by more of zeal than discretion. It was bad enough to pass resolutions which required to be supplemented by the passage of a law before they could have any force; but it was worse, having made that mistake, to bungle in the drafting of the law. Yet, in the opinion of the Governor, and of the best legal talent of the Senate, Senator Jacobs' act is defective in a most important particular, and must be amended. The purpose of the bill was to remove all doubts as to the authority of the Governor's commission, to make the proposed investigation, by conferring upon them the fullest powers; but all that the act does in fact, according to the best construction of it, is to confer upon the Commissioners the power to compel the attendance of witnesses. The defect arises in this way: One of the recent Constitutional amendments provides that "no act shall be passed which shall provide that any existing law or any part thereof shall be made or deemed a part of said act, or which shall enact that any existing law or any part thereof shall be applicable except by inserting it in such act." The purpose of this amendment is to oblige every law to be perfect in itself, and thus bear on its face what it really is, without requiring reference to something else to complete its meaning. Now Senator Jacobs' act begins by referring in its very first sentence to the joint resolution by which the appointment of the commission is directed; but the resolution itself is not set out in full. The act therefore possesses only the force which it has in itself, and no power can be drawn by reference from the resolution to which allusion is made. The consequence is all the power that is given to the commission by the act, as it passed the Senate, is that of compelling the attendance of witnesses. The commission must then, unless the act is amended, be practically of no value; for, after a witness has obeyed the subpœna of the commission, it has no power to compel him to answer a single question. It is true that this case does not come within the letter of the above-quoted amendment, for nothing is said in it about resolutions; but, according to the best opinions, it does come amply within the spirit of it. The argument is this: If one act cannot refer to another act, of which all the world is supposed to take cognizance, much less can it draw any powers by referring to a simple resolution, without also setting it out in full.

It is pretty certain that the attitude which some of the ablest members of the Legislature will assume toward a part at least of the recommendations made by the Governor in his Message when they come before the Legislature in the shape of bills, will not be entirely that of friendship. One of the recommendations which will certainly be opposed, and which will probably be defeated, is that which provides for the appointment of an Inspector of Public Works—an officer whose duties, as suggested, appear to be no other than those of a respectable detective. One good reason why such an office should not be created is that all the powers with which it is proposed to invest it are now possessed by the State Engineer and Surveyor, and it is a very serious question whether a duplication of powers would not result in interference and discord. Another reason is the improbability that the appointment of such an officer would prevent a recurrence of abuses similar to those which called him into official existence. These canal frauds, say the friends of the Governor, are the result of collusion between the contractor and the State officers. But the appointment of an Inspector would only furnish another State officer for the contractors to collude with, and would thus only make the attainment of their ends more difficult without rendering it impossible.

Another proposition which it is confidently predicted will never be successful is that power shall be given to the Governor to remove from office any State officer who has been proved to the Governor's satisfaction to be guilty of malfeasance. The officers are elected in the same way as is the Governor; they derive their powers from the people, not from him, and their tenure of office is the same as his. It would not be just, therefore, either to the people or to their elected representatives to provide that one of the latter may be removed at the pleasure of another. The true solution of the difficulty, and the proper method of carrying out the requirements of article 10 of section 7 of the Constitution, is for the Legislature to pass an act empowering the Governor, when he is satisfied that any State officer has been guilty of wrong, to prefer charges against him and have him tried by the Senate in the same manner that Sheriffs and Judges of the inferior courts are tried. That will furnish a speedy investigation and the immediate removal of unfaithful officers without obliging one representative of the people to be responsible to another. A further objection, which is urged, is that it is impolitic to invest the Governor with such formidable powers.

A third proposition which the Governor seems to favor in his Message, and to which opposition is felt, if not yet openly expressed, is that the tolls on the canals shall be further reduced. In 1870 it will be remembered that the tolls were reduced fifty per cent. below the toll-sheet of 1852, and it is now proposed by the Canal Board that the toll on grain and lumber shall be again reduced thirty-three and one-third per cent. below the toll sheet of last year. This reduction is thought to be one of the most important financial problems which will engage the attention of the Legislature at the present session. If it is finally determined upon, it will reduce the revenue of the canals in 1875, on the supposition that the tonnage does not increase over that of last year, ($500,000,) and it will necessarily increase taxation considerably.

These are some of the propositions of the Governor which are unfavorably regarded by the framers of thought and leaders of action in the Legislature, and which, it is thought, cannot be pressed to a favorable conclusion. In the opinion of a leading Republican Senator, the end sought to be obtained by the appointment of an Inspector of public works can best be reached by a simple amendment of the law of 1850. That is the law under which the canal frauds have been perpetrated, although it will be seen from its text that it was very carefully drawn. The law is as follows:

Before any work shall be contracted for on any of the canals of this State the Division Engineers shall ascertain or cause to be ascertained with all practical accuracy the quantity of embankment, excavation, masonry, and quantity and quality of all materials to be used, and all other items of work to be placed under contract, a statement of which, together with maps, plans, and specifications corresponding with those adopted by the Canal Board and on file in the office of the State Engineer and Surveyor, shall be publicly exhibited to persons proposing for the work to be let. The quantities to exhibited shall be used in determining the value of the propositions received. After the contracts shall have been awarded, said statement of quantities, together with the maps, plans, and specifications, and all other papers relating to the work advertised, and which were exhibited as aforesaid, and are necessary to identify the plan and extent of the work so awarded, shall be filed in the office of the State Engineer and Surveyor, accompanied with the certificate of the Division or Resident Engineer, stating the time and place they were so exhibited. No alteration shall be made or any map or plan of any work under contract during its progress, except by the consent and approval of the Commissioner and the Division Engineer, nor unless the description of such alteration and the approval thereof, be reduced to writing, and be signed by the parties making the same, and a copy thereof shall have been filed in the office of the State Engineer and Surveyor. Nothing in this section contained shall be construed to authorize any change of plan that shall increase the expense of the work, or create any claims against the State for damages arising therefrom, unless a written statement setting forth the objects to be attained by such change, and the expense thereof, shall have been submitted to the Canal Board, and their assent at a meeting in which the State Engineer and Surveyor were present shall have been obtained.

The amendment to this law, which it is fully intended to move when the subject comes before the Legislature, is the addition of a clause providing that when it appears to any engineer in charge of any work that its cost will exceed the estimate by $1,000, the contract shall be closed, the work readvertised, and the contract relet. Thus the almost fabulous difference between cost and estimate must be reduced, for the estimates will no longer be used merely in "determining the value of the propositions received," but must be actual working plans of the work to be performed.

It is considered probable that Speaker Maguire will appoint the Assembly Committee of Investigation to-morrow. There seems to be no doubt that the Democratic members will be Messrs. Wachner and Falkner, but it has not yet been intimated who the Republican will be, the Governor will not announce the names of the Commissioners whom he is empowered to appoint, until Tuesday next.

Belden, Dennison, and the other Ring contractors, who have spent the week in Albany, left for their homes this evening.

THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES.

THE JACOBS BILL IN THE ASSEMBLY—A MOTION FOR ITS THIRD READING OBJECTED TO—MR. HAMMOND THINKS THE LEGISLATURE IS DOING ITS WORK BUNGLINGLY.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Thursday, April 1, 1875.

There was further evidence given this morning of the intention of the Governor's friends to push the advantage gained by their legislative dash into the ranks of the canal party yesterday. As soon as the House was opened this morning the Clerk read the Faulkner resolution for a joint legislative Committee of Investigation, as amended by the Senate, so as to provide that the committee shall consist of three members from each house. The Speaker put the question on concurring with the Senate amendment, and it was concurred in without a dissenting vote. The Clerk also announced the receipt of the Senate bill passed last night providing for a commission of four to investigate the canal question, and the bill had its second reading in the usual order. Mr. Daly then rose and said he believed the time for action had come, and that there was no further need of delay in putting the investigation under way by every proper means. He therefore moved that the bill be now, by unanimous consent, passed to its third reading.

Mr. Hammond, of Ontario, at once objected.

Mr. Daly said he could see no reason for the interposition of objections in this matter. It was clear that the passage of such a bill as this was necessary to enable the Governor to appoint a competent commission, and it was as clearly the duty of this Legislature to facilitate the object of the bill. The opinions of competent lawyers had been sought and obtained, and he thought there should be every reasonable latitude given to the prompt enactment of this law.

Mr. Hammond said he saw no necessity for extraordinary haste such as this, as there was doubt as to whether the object sought by the bill could be obtained by it in its present shape.

Mr. Daly said the opinion of able lawyers had been asked concerning it, and they expressed the belief that the bill was properly drawn and ample in its provisions.

A question being raised as to the propriety of debate after the objection, the Speaker said he had purposely refrained from enforcing the rule with what might be regarded as great haste. He was not in any way averse to the full and free discussion of this topic, but now that the point of order as to the admissibility of debate had been made, he should be obliged to sustain it. He had refrained thus far, as he did not desire to be considered as ruling against the subject.

The bill was then referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Some surprise was expressed that Mr. Hammond should appear in a position antagonistic to the Governor, as he was assumed to be by his objection, but in conversation with the gentleman subsequently he informed me that he was not opposed to the bill, or to its objects. He thought, however, that legislation on this subject had been bunglingly commenced, and he now proposed to endeavor to remedy it. He was at a loss to understand why the Legislature should go to the roundabout trouble of passing a bill to empower or give validity to a resolution under which no action had yet been taken. In his opinion, the cleanest way of doing the work was to pass a bill providing for the appointment of a commission, as contemplated by the resolution, and let the resolution fall as useless—as indeed it was without an empowering act. Under these circumstances, he had concluded to offer as an amendment to the Jacobs bill before the Judiciary Committee, to-night, an original section, and to append thereto all the other sections of the bill as passed by the Senate, so that the bill itself, without reference to any other piece of legislation or resolution, would confer ample authority and be complete.

THE JACOBS BILL PASSED BY THE UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE ASSEMBLY—PROBABILITY THAT THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY AND THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE WILL BEGIN WORK NEXT WEEK—THE DAVIS BILL POSTPONND.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, April 1.—The Assembly to-night, by a unanimous vote, passed the Senate bill introduced last night by Senator Jacobs. A brief and unimportant discussion took place on a motion of Mr. Willis, of Delaware, to amend by making the salary of the Commissioners $15 instead of $20 per day. The motion was lost, however, and the bill was read a third time and put on its final passage, receiving the affirmative votes of the ninety-three members present.

The amendment to the bill which Mr. Hammond contemplated offering in the Judiciary Committee this afternoon was not pressed by that gentleman, out of deference to the wishes of the Governor and his friends for speedy action. The bill has been returned to the Senate and will in all probability be transmitted to the Governor for his approval to-morrow. With his signature the bill will become a law, and as the resolution creating a joint Legislative Committee has passed both Houses, there is every probability that the Investigating Committee and the commission will be organized to begin their inquisitorial labors during the coming week.

The Davis bill, for the reorganization of the canal department and system, was the special order of business for the Assembly to-night; but, on motion of Mr. Davis, who was not well, and consequently was not prepared to sustain it if debate should arise, as it undoubtedly will, it was postponed and made the special order for next Tuesday evening.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE SENATE WITH REGARD TO CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

In the Senate to-day Senator Jacobs, in the last five minutes preceding adjournment, introduced the following resolutions, which were tabled without debate:

Resolved, That the portion of the Message calling attention to article 10, section 7, of the Constitution, be referred to the Judiciary Committee, with instruction to report without unnecessary delay a bill to carry into effect the provisions of the said section of the Constitution.

Resolved, That the remainder of the Message be referred to the Canal Committee, with instruction to report without unnecessary delay a bill or bills carrying out the recommendations therein contained.

The section of the constitution referred to in the above resolution is as follows:

Provifion shall be made by law for the remove for misconduct or malversation in office of all officers (except judicial) whose powers and duties are not local or legislative, and who shall be elected at general elections, and also for supplying vacances created by such removal.

During the evening session Senator Jacobs called up the resolutions and they were adopted with an amendment to the second resolution, offered by Senator Woodin. As amended the resolution will read as follows:

Resolved, That the remainder of the message be referred to the Canal Committee, with instructions to report, without unnecessary delay, the evils pointed out, and, if any is necessary, that said committee report by one or more bills.

NAVIGATION ON THE HUDSON.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., April 1.—Reports from below to-night show that all the ice between Cornwall and Rosrhook, except off Constitution Island, is on the move. It is still fast in Peekskill Bay and off Haverstraw, but it is expected to move from there to-night. A boat can get through to Nawburg easily by Saturday.

THE ROCHESTER LORDS.

POPULAR DEMAND FOR AN INVESTIGATION.

THE CITIZENS OF ROCHESTER AWAKENED TO THE FRAUDULENT CHARACTER OF THE WATER-WORKS BUSINESS—THEY BEGIN TO PUSH SOME SEARCHING INQUIRIES—A COPY OF THE M'DONALD CONTRACT OBTAINED—ITS TERMS AND HOW THEY HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH—ENORMOUS PAYMENTS MADE TO M'DONALD—EFFECT OF THE TIMES EXPOSURES IN CHECKING THE SALE OF THE WATER BONDS IN NEW-YORK.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ROCHESTER, April 1.—The exposure of the Rochester Ring by THE TIMES has resulted in the people's demanding that the Engineer and Commissioners of Water-works shall resign, and permit the tax-payers to choose their successors. If they do not, the Legislature will be petitioned to repeal the act under which they hold power. A public meeting will be held as soon as possible to take suitable action in this connection. The property-owners are very sensitive on the prospects of their being compelled to pay the increased interest on the water-works bonds and the rapid accumulation of the city debt, and are determined to have a remedy. New disclosures are made unexpectedly, and the Ring are thoroughly alarmed. But investigation can hardly be had readily, owing to the astute legislation of the Lords, who took good care to exclude from the Water-works bill a clause authorizing the Common Council, or any committee thereof, to make official examinations of the books and papers of the commission, and also to exclude another clause giving power to the Mayor to restrain the Commissioners from creating an unlimited debt, and in the use of the funds derived from the sale of the city bonds. This will be remedied, if possible, but the public attention now is more particularly turned to the contract and its fulfillment. To-day the President of the Board of Water-works permitted a copy of the contract to be taken, and it now lies before me. The contract was awarded to James McDonald on a bid of $1,723,150. The City Treasurer's books show that he has paid to the Water Commissioners, or their order, up to the present date a little over $2,500,000, and also $200,000 interest, leaving only $300,000 in the water-works fund. The books of the Water-Works Commissioners were examined to-day by a prominent citizen, and were found not posted later than Dec. 12, 1874. They show that the following payments to James McDonald, alias George D. Lord, have been made:

1873—July 8, $8,760; Aug. 7, $26,923; Aug. 14, $8,607; Aug. 21, $15,276; Sept. 6, $66,481; Oct. 1, $9,253; Oct. 11, $82,669; Oct. 22, $25,821; Oct. 31, $14,630; Nov. 19, $89,531; Nov. 29, $13,459; Dec. 5, $10,000.

1874—Jan. 10, $15,986; Jan. 23, $150,000; Jan. 28, $50,000; March 7, $4,136; April 2, $50,000; May 9, $5,115; May 16, $50,000; June 6, $38,556; July 11, $160,743; Aug. 8, $151,962; Sept. 12, $177,935; Oct. 10, $115,235; Oct. 24, $25,000; Nov. 14, $162,530; Dec. 12, $141,550.

1875—Jan. 9, $82,050; Feb. 6, $22,750; March 6, $21,300.

Total, $1,857,376.

The work, according to good judges, is not half done. The City Treasurer's books show also that in the water-works account is this entry: "For engineering to Dec. 3, 1874, $66,932." The contract was made at the Delavan Hotel, on April 12, 1873, and the signature of James McDonald is witnessed by Warren Leland. Strange that the Commissioners had to go there, rather than McDonald come to Rochester, to sign it. By the document it appears he is to furnish all the materials and perform all the labor on the water-works, the work to consist principally of furnishing materials and constructing a conduit of brick and cast-iron pipe from Hemlock Lake to the City of Rochester; the furnishing and laying of all the distribution pipes, the construction of reservoirs, and all appurtenances connected therewith; necessary vaults for stop and air-cocks, the opening and filling of trenches, &c., according to specifications. He agreed to give his personal attention to its fulfillment; that he would not sublet the work, but would keep it under his control; that he would not assign the contract by power of attorney or otherwise, nor any of the moneys payable under it, unless by the written consent of the Water Commissioners. These provisions he did not literally violate, but it was perfectly well understood by him that he was to obtain such written consent, and assign the contract to George the Silent, who afterward sub-let the work, or parts of it. The specifications are the same as those bid upon by all the bidders. But when the award was made to McDonald, none of the quantities were stated, and other items were added. The specification governing the laying of the conduits begins thus: "The main conduit will extend from a point in Hemlock Lake, about 300 feet from shore, to the City of Rochester, a distance of about twenty-eight miles; a portion of the upper part shall be constructed of best quality of hard burned brick, laid in hydraulic cement, and the remainder of cast iron of various sizes, as may be directed by the engineer." Just here is the point. McDonald's bid for the brick was $1 per thousand; but he knew before he took the contract that the engineer would use no brick, but would direct that costly wrought-iron pipes be used instead. There has been no change in the form of the contract since it was made, and yet no brick or cast-iron conduits have been built. But McDonald is putting in twelve miles of wrought-iron conduit at $8 per foot, amounting to over $500,000 in the aggregate, without any contract, and without any opportunity for competition having been allowed. Engineer Tubbs, in presence of Roswell Hart, President of the Commission, said to-day, by way of explanation, that McDonald claimed that if the contract was changed so that he could not furnish the brick, he had a right to furnish whatever material was substituted. The meaning of this is, that if the Commissioners deprived McDonald of the privilege of furnishing hard-burned brick, worth $22 a thousand, at $1 a thousand, they were morally bound to let him furnish the wrought-iron at $8 a foot. It is also claimed by lumber dealers that the white oak timber and plank, furnished to the water-works at $100 per 1,000, does not cost the contractor more than $25. The hemlock which he agreed to supply as low as $12 a 1,000, the engineer directed not to be used. So large a quantity of the white oak has been furnished, that it is estimated that George D. Lord has realized at least $80,000 profit on it alone.

The Commissioners rendered their annual report on the 1st of last January, but it is valueless, because it contains no data showing the amount of work done, the sums paid, how much remains to be done, or what the probable additional cost will be. The strangest feature of this document is that neither the name of George D. Lord nor James McDonald is anywhere to be found in it. If they have assigned or sublet the contract, or any part of it, no record appears of the Commissioners' having complied with the law, by giving their written consent to do so. Roswell Hart was not slow to talk about the Ring exposures in THE TIMES. He said, speaking of the contract, that when it was executed McDonald understood he would not be called upon to furnish brick at $1 per 1,000, as the Commissioners had decided not to use it. He deprecated the publication in THE TIMES, as having a bad effect upon the credit of the city. That he telegraphed yesterday to New-York to have sold a few Water-works bonds left over, and he received an answer stating that for the present THE TIMES exposures had killed the sale of Rochester bonds. I ought to add here that this check was very much desired by the tax-payers of the city, many of them having said to me that at this juncture the most fortunate thing that could happen to the city would be the temporary weakening of its credit, so that the Lords could not run it further into debt by their jobbery.

The Engineer of the department, Mr. Tubbs, was asked how much rock excavation, concrete, slope, and rip-rap wall had already been paid for, and replied that he did not know. This, however, is a piece of information that will be sought by a Citizens' Committee, to be appointed to examine the 1,400 vouchers on file in the office of the City Treasurer.

Speaking of the Water-works bonds this evening, Mr. President Hart, in reply to the question why he had sent them to New-York for sale when heretofore city bonds had commanded a premium at home, said that D. W. Powers, a prominent banker here, had discredited the water bonds so that the Commissioners were compelled to send them to New-York. Mr. Hart, although he holds the responsible position of Controller of the Water-works for the Lords, is not a tax-payer in Rochester.

DOUBTFUL CHARACTER OF THE REPORTS OF MEXICAN OUTRAGES.

COL. NELSON, LATE UNITED STATES MINISTER TO MEXICO, REGARDS THEM AS PERPETRATED BY CITIZENS OF TEXAS OF MEXICAN ORIGIN—SYSTEMATIC MANUFACTURE OF CLAIMS AGAINST BOTH COUNTRIES—VIEWS OF THE MEXICAN MINISTER AT WASHINGTON—THE SNYDER-SCHENCK-WIARD LETTER CASE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Col. Nelson, late United States Minister to Mexico, expresses the belief that the recent outrage at Nueces, in Texas, was perpetrated by Texan desperadoes or unscrupulous persons, who are interested in provoking hostilities between Mexico and the United States. Col. Nelson says there exists in that portion of Texas lying west of the Nueces River an organization of men whose avowed object is to create a war between the two countries in order that they may be afforded unlimited opportunity to pursue their trade of robbery. There is another class of men who create disturbance for the purpose of manufacturing claims against the Mexican Government, and charge their own depredations on Mexicans. Col. Nelson believes that while some depredations are committed on settlements lying contiguous to the Rio Grande, the great majority are perpetrated by Texans, and that all outrages committed at any distance east of the Rio Grande are the work of the latter class. He refers to the commission appointed by President Grant in 1871, to ascertain damages resulting from outrages alleged to have been committed by Mexicans prior to that year. Texans appeared before that commission and made oath to having suffered from Mexican incursions damages aggregating about $35,060,000. No individual claimant swore to a loss less than $35,000, and many of them made oath to having lost as high as $250,000. The losses thus sworn to aggregate a sum equal to three times the assessed value of all the lands tenements and cattle in the counties in which the incursions were alleged to have been made. After the report of the American commission was made Mexico appointed a commission at the head of which was Emilo Velasco, an eminent Mexican lawyer and statesman, who visited all points on the Rio Grande opposite which the depredations were said to have been committed, and invited all persons on the American side, who had been aggrieved, to appear before the commission and substantiate their claims. None of the parties thus invited appeared. The report of Señor Velasco is now prepared, and will be published in New-York under the supervision of Minister Mariscal. These parties finding their rascality about being exposed are now engaged in fomenting fresh disturbances, and casting the blame on Mexicans. The country lying between the Rio Grande and Nueces was definitively acquired from Mexico by the war of 1846. The inhabitants at that time were Mexicans, and were made American citizens by the annexation. They have all the vices of their race, and spend their lives in herding and stealing cattle, and plundering those who immigrate to and settle in their neighborhood. Col. Nelson says it is absurd to suppose Mexican banditti would cross the Rio Grande and penetrate as far as Nueces for plunder. He believes Mexicans committed the crime, but they were the Mexicans who dwell in that part of Texas, and whose allegiance, if they owe any allegiance anywhere, is to the United States. Col. Nelson expresses surprise that Gov. Coke should take the view presented in his communication to the President. While in Mexico similar outrages were frequently brought to Col. Nelson's attention, and investigation satisfied him of their character and purpose. Señor Zamacona, of the Mexican Claims Commission, discredits the telegraphic reports, and believes them to be gross exaggerations. He says the Mexican authorities do all that is possible to prevent predatory bands crossing the Rio Grande. He does not believe the outrage at Nueces was committed by Mexicans. No inducement, commensurate with the risk and danger, existed for Mexicans to penetrate 100 miles of American territory. In connection with claims for damages now pending before the Mexican Commission, Señor Zamacona produced the printed testimony of Col. J. L. Haynes, of Travis county, Texas, in which Haynes says he has reason to believe that shrewd and unscrupulous men have been engaged in manufacturing claims along the Rio Grande against the United States and Mexico, and that he has been importuned by this class of men to go to Mexico "to get up claims." It was suggested to him that the United States were anxious to get up large claims against Mexico with a view of acquiring territory as an indemnity. This is the class of men whom Señor Zamacona charges with fomenting frequent troubles on the Rio Grande, and he believes some of the same class are found on the Mexican side of that river, though the number is fewer than in Texas. Señor Zamacona claims that the Mexicans suffer quite as much from the lawlessness of Texans as do the Texans from the lawless Mexicans. He believes irritation is sometimes caused by the unwise action of local authorities on both sides of the Rio Grande, but insists that most of the trouble is planned and executed by parties in Texas.

THE SCHENCK-WIARD LETTER CASE.

The Grand Jury of the United States Court here to-day ignored the bill in which Snyder was charged by Norman Wiard with the larceny of a letter written by Gen. Schenck, from London, to Wiard. It was in this case that Mr. Charles A. Dana, of New-York, was subpœnaed to testify. For refusing to obey the subpœna an attachment was issued against Mr. Dana. The attachment falls with the failure of the case.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

THE OVERLOOK MOUNTAIN HOUSE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

KINGSTON, N. Y., April 1.—A telegram came this afternoon from Woodstock that the Overlook Mountain House was on fire. It was at first thought to be an April-fool hoax, but by the use of a powerful glass the house was really seen to be burning. Loss to building about $45,000; insured for $33,800. Loss to furniture about $20,000; insured for $5,000. There is no likelihood of its being rebuilt, as it was not a paying investment.

OTHER FIRES.

The sufferers by the fire in Ticonderoga, N. Y., on Wednesday morning, were as follows: French, Treadway & Co., dry goods and groceries; H. G. Burleigh & Bros.' office, National Express Company's office, the telegraph office, Pond & Cook, druggist; Crain, jeweler; M. C. Royce, dry good H. Field, dry and fancy goods; J. Reilly, dwelling and millinery shop; Weed & Fleming, drugs and Post Office; Dr. Bailey, office; F. Bryan, boots and shoes; F. P. Porter, dwelling; J. Loeb, shed and office; S. M. Clark, dwelling and barn; P. M. Baker, dwelling and store; William S. Fleming, Central House, billiard room and barn; H. C. Nye, flour and feed store; E. Bailey, grocery; A. Stone, boot and shoe store; Fenton, law offices; Frency, Treadway & Co., storehouse; F. N. Porter, dwelling; Payne, Gilligan & Co., market and grocery; Drake & Haskell, dry goods and groceries; Good Templar's Hall, Freemason's Hall, Grand Army of the Republic Hall; J. M. McCormick, dwelling; Robert Bryan, dwelling and shop; J. McCaughin, groceries and provision store-house; J. Sniuville, harness store; John Lamb, groceries; William Andrews, confectioner and fruit-dealer; J. McCormick, tailor; J. C. Hollenbeck, law office; H. G. Burleigh & Brother, lumber shed; J. A. Pinchin, blacksmith shop, and A. Nicholson, photograph gallery.

A fire broke out in the *Churchman* building, Hartford, Conn., last evening, and damaged building and contents to the extent of $50,000 before it could be got under control. The building was owned by Mallory & Co., and was valued at $40,000, and the stock at an equal amount; insured for $41,500, in the following companies: Ætna, $12,000; Home, of New-York, $10,000; Phenix, $5,000; Hartford, $5,000; Atlas, $5,000; National, $2,500; Shoe and Leather, of Boston, $2,000.

The large dwelling-house of Mr. M. Howell, at Flower Hill, Manhasset, Long Island, was totally destroyed by fire on wednesday. When first discovered, the fire had gained considerable headway, and it was impossible to save anything. All the furniture, including two pianos, together with several hundred dollars' worth of silver ware, was lost. Mr. Howell's family are in Europe, and he had but recently returned home. The loss, which is estimated at about $8,000, is covered by insurance.

At a late hour on Wednesday night a fire occurred in the dry-goods store of Thomas Courtney, No. 310 Spring street, resulting in almost the total destruction of the stock. Loss, $7,000; insured in the Globe, St. Nicholas, and Fireman's, of Newark, N. J. The building belongs to the Wood estate, and was damaged to the amount of $200; insured for $2,500 in the Greenwich Company.

Yesterday afternoon the mill and barn of James Armstrong, at Day's Lane Station, on the Germantown Railroad, Pennsylvania, were damaged by fire. The picker room and a wing attached thereto were destroyed. The mill was destroyed by fire a short time ago. Loss, about $6,000; no insurance.

At 12:30 P. M. yesterday a fire occurred on the roof of the dwelling No. 37 Avenue D, occupied by John Knox and Mrs. Ann Smith. The furniture on the premises was damaged to the extent of $1,000. The building was owned by John Math, and was damaged to the extent of $700.

Four stores were destroyed by fire in Atlanta, Ga., yesterday. Loss $53,000, of which $32,000 is covered by insurance.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

SYNOPSIS AND PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, April 2—1 A. M.—Rain has prevailed in the lake region, and thence southward to the Gulf and South Atlantic coast, with south-west to north-west winds and cooler weather, except in the last-named district. Warmer and partly cloudy weather prevails in New-England and the Middle Atlantic States, with southerly winds and less pressure. Generally clear and cool weather continues in the North-west and South-west. The Ohio, the Lower Missouri, and the Central Mississippi Rivers have risen.

PROBABILITIES.

For New-England and the Middle States, generally cloudy and cooler weather, with local rains, south-west to north-west winds, and slight changes in barometer.

For the lower lake region and the Ohio Valley, light rains followed by clearing and warmer weather, south to west winds, and stationary or falling barometer.

For the North-west, the Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri Valleys and the upper lake region, clear weather, rising temperature, south-east to south-west winds, and falling barometer.

For the South Atlantic and Eastern Gulf States and Tennessee, light rains and cooler weather, north-west to south-west winds and rising barometer.

For the South-west, partly cloudy and cool weather, winds shifting to easterly and southerly, and falling barometer.

The Lower Mississippi, the Lower Missouri, and the Upper Ohio Rivers will continue to rise.

Cautionary signals continue on the Atlantic coast from Cape May to New-York.

LABOR TROUBLES IN NEW-ENGLAND.

BOSTON, Mass., April 1.—Labor troubles are reported in several cotton manufacturing towns of this State and New-Hampshire, caused, as alleged, by an imperative order from the Fall River Head Centre of the National Union requiring operatives to demand a restoration of former prices. The strike at Great Falls, N. H., has not been general, and the corporation claim that it is now virtually ended, new hands being easily procured to fill the places of the small proportion of disaffected help. No concession in prices will be made by the mills. At Lowell, Mass., notice of intention to strike was given by the mule-spinners only in the Massachusetts, Prescott, and Lawrence mills, while a demand for increased pay was made in all the other factories. The Mule Spinners' Union at first voted not to strike, but, upon the receipt of imperative orders from the National Association, served their notice upon the mills mentioned. The agents have informally declared that the increase demanded will not be paid, and a meeting of Directors is to be held in Boston to devise means for supplying the places of the strikers. At Newburyport, Mass., the weavers in all the mills demanded a full restoration of the twenty-seven cents per cut, and the Peabody and Masconomet Corporations acceded to the demand. The Bartlett and Ocean Mills have not acquiesced, and the weavers employed there will give notice on Monday of their intention to quit work.

ARREST OF NOTORIOUS COUNTERFEITERS.

ST. LOUIS, April 1.—United States Marshal Newcomb received a telegram to-day from Detective Duckworth, stating that he has captured the notorious counterfeiters, Pete McCartney, George Rankin, Mike Rogers, George Rittenhouse, and John Hall, who escaped from jail here on the morning of Feb. 3. The telegram was dated at an interior town in Texas, but Marshal Newcomb, for prudential reasons, does not wish the name of the place to be made public. Assistance was sent to Duckworth this evening, and the prisoners will be brought here at once.

LATEST NEWS BY CABLE.

GREAT BRITAIN.

MR. CHILDERS' EULOGY ON THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, April 1.—Mr. Childers, speaking at Pontefract last night, gave an account of his late American tour. He spoke in terms of high eulogy of America. The United States, he thought, was probably the most prosperous country in the world. He estimated that in sixty years it would contain 150,000,000 inhabitants, while the progress of England was necessarily limited. He forcibly presented the reasons why England should seek the friendship and alliance of the United States.

FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES IN GERMANY.

LONDON, April 1.—A special dispatch to the *Post* from Berlin says a financial crisis is feared there. Settlements on the Bourse are effected with great difficulty. There have been twenty-eight failures, and two persons have committed suicide in consequence of financial reverses.

FUNERAL OF JOHN MARTIN, M. P.

DUBLIN, April 1.—The funeral of the late John Martin, M. P., took place at Newry today, and was attended by thousands of people. Nearly every town in Ireland was represented. Several members of Parliament were present.

DEPARTURE OF AGRICULTURAL LABORERS FOR CANADA.

LONDON, April 2—4 A. M.—The steamer Sarmatian, for Portland, took out 200 agricultural laborers for Canada.

SPAIN.

GEN. CONCHA'S CHARGES AGAINST EX-CAPTAIN GENERAL JOVELLAR.

LONDON, April 1.—A Madrid dispatch says that among the specifications in Concha's charges against Jovellar is one that when Concha was Captain General of Cuba, he had occasion to send Gen. Riguelme home for insubordination. When the latter returned to Spain Jovellar, who had become Minister of War, approved his conduct and subsequently promoted him.

The Government finds it difficult to defend Jovellar from these accusations. An old Spanish law prohibits the appointment of an ex-Governor of a colony to any public post until formal inquiry has been had into his past administration. It is understood that in Gen. Jovellar's case no such inquiry has taken place since his return from Cuba, and this circumstance may be used as a pretext for requiring his withdrawal from the Ministry.

DON CARLOS AND HIS ARMY ENTERING SANTANDER.

PARIS, April 1.—Advices from Spain state that a force of Carlists has entered the Province of Santander, and will be followed by Don Carlos and the bulk of his army. It is supposed they are trying to penetrate to Castile.

RUSSIA.

M. SCHICHKIN APPOINTED MINISTER TO THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, April 1.—A telegram from St. Petersburg states that M. Schichkin, the Russian Diplomatic Agent and Consular General in Servia, has been appointed Minister of Russia to the United States.

AUSTRIA.

EX-MINISTER JAY RETURNING HOME.

VIENNA, April 1.—Hon. John Jay, late Minister of the United States, left Vienna today on his return home.

GERMANY.

IMPRISONMENT OF ECCLESIASTICS — RUMORED ARREST OF A PAPAL DELEGATE.

LONDON, April 1.—A special dispatch from Berlin to the *Post* reports that eighty ecclesiastics are at present imprisoned in Posen alone. It is rumored that the Government has arrested the Papal delegate who has been secretly administering the Archbishropic of Posen since the arrest of the incumbent.

FURTHNR LEGISLATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITY CONTEMPLATED.

LONDON, April 2—5:30 A. M.—The *Times* correspondent at Berlin telegraphs that it is anticipated that the old law forbidding intercourse between the Pope and the Catholic clergy in Prussia, except through the Government, will be re-enacted, and that measures will be introduced wholly suspending Papal authority in Prussia until the P

ITALIAN NOTES.

ITALO-AUSTRIAN RELATIONS—THE PAPAL CONSISTORY.

THE VISIT OF FRANCIS JOSEPH—NEW CARDINALS—TRIALS BY JURY—AN EMINENT PHYSICIAN AT DEATH'S DOOR.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ROME, Monday, March 15, 1875.

The joy caused by the intended visit to Italy, three weeks from this, of the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, is gushing out in many articles in the newspapers. The visit will take place on the 5th of April, at Venice. The King of Italy taking the former ruler of those provinces by the hand, in the city which has so many sad associations with foreign domination, will be the crowning act of friendly alliance between two populations once so widely separated. If the doctors are able to patch up the health of Emperor William sufficiently to enable him to hold out for an Italian voyage, it will be a new gratification for us all. Should the German Emperor come, we hardly expect that his visit will be extended as far as Rome, for the good reason that he would be obliged to turn his back upon the Pope. Pius IX. is a good deal in the way, although all are willing for him to go on as at present under the control of law. Most things take place very much as they would were he not here. Last week a Masonic Temple, to the great horror of the Vatican, was dedicated with public ceremonies; and the errors and follies of the Papacy are caricatured in the illustrated comical papers just as the sayings and doings of Ministers of State are "made light of" in this or any other country with a free press. Those here formerly unaccustomed to such levity are obliged to bear it now with the best grace they can.

THE PAPAL CONSISTORY.

This morning the Pope held the long-talked-of Consistory, and nominated six Cardinals. Among them, as you are already informed, are Archbishop McCloskey, of New-York, and Archbishop Manning, of Westminster. The death, within the past few days, of Cardinal Barili, makes the number 104 that Pius IX. has buried during his long Pontificate. The six Cardinals just made carry the members of the Sacred College up to 56. There are so many members of the Papal Senate who have got beyond the age of seventy that the coming few years must see not a few of them laid away. The deceased Cardinal Barili had reached the age of seventy-four, and Patrizi, the Cardinal Vicar of Rome, is now seventy-seven. In addition to the *porporati* made to-day, the Pope has nominated five *in petto*, whose names will be gazetted after another Consistory, soon to be held. In a day or two Mgr. Roncetti, the Papal Ablegate, will set out for New-York, bearing the *piotto* with the red hat of the Cardinal. He will be accompanied by the Very Rev. Dr. Ubaldi and one of the Pope's Noble Guard. So you are to have a novelty added to all the other elements which make up the life of a great society. The Papacy is a republic, with an elected head, claiming the prerogatives of royalty; a priest-king nominated for life, as there can be no hereditary offshoot from the Papal stem. Were the Catholic Archbishop of New-York a Hughes and not a McCloskey, we might have another aspirant to the Papal succession.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

Yesterday Victor Emmanuel saw his five and fiftieth birthday come round; and as the hereditary Prince Humbert opened his eyes on this sublunary scene on the 14th of March, 1844, the honors of his nativity were celebrated, as usual, in conjunction with the festivities offered to the head of the State. The only incident worth taking notice of in connection with this anniversary was the fact that the Archbishop of Milan published an order to his clergy to take part in a Te Deum ceremony in the Cathedral church of his Diocese. Giving thanks to God for the preservation of the life of an excommunicated sovereign is a new thing under the sun of Italy, besides being a violation of principles of consistency and sound logic. The Pope, proceeding in a straightforward way, should at once turn Luigi, Calabiana, *Arcivescovo di Milano*, out of office. "To render solemn thanks and prayers to the Most High for the preservation and prosperity of our most august Sovereign, Victor Emmanuel, we order that on the 14th of March, the happy anniversary of his birth, there be chanted in the Metropolitan Church, and in all the parochial churches subordinate, the Ambrosian Hymn or the Te Deum." Such is the language of the notice given ten days before to the clergy under the Bishop's control. A similar order was issued by the Patriarch of the ecclesiastical district of Venice.

TRIAL BY JURY.

What is to become of the trial by jury in Italy we do not yet know, but examples are now and then given which weaken the confidence of those who wish to see this highly-esteemed Anglo-Saxon institution well established in this country. Last week there was a decision in the Criminal Court at Capua, which was another added to a number of extraordinary irregularities which have been presented in the past few years. A man by the name of Waldis, an ex-Captain of *bersaglieri*, of the age of more than forty, was on trial for shooting, in the Autumn of last year, a girl of seventeen, with whom he had had a love attachment, and to whom he was under a matrimonial engagement. There had been some cause for jealousy, and inflamed by that passion the man, in open day, with one discharge of a revolver killed the girl, and with another made an unsuccessful attempt upon his own life. Premeditated murder was clearly proved; but so many "extenuating circumstances" were found in the former exemplary character and good conduct of Waldis that the jury rendered a verdict of acquittal, and the man left the court with the applause of the populace, of which the court and the accused were the equal objects. The conduct of the population was very much like that of a party of electors triumphing in their vote in a political caucus—carried away by their partisan sympathies.

AN EMINENT MEDICAL MAN.

Italy is about to lose the one who, among natives of the country, has acquired the most eminent position in the present century in the science and practice of medicine. Dr. Bufalini lies ill at Florence, and his great age of eighty-eight leads to the belief that his end is near. A bulletin of the progress of his malady is printed in the newspapers from day to day, which indicates the degree of interest felt by the public in the final moments of this conspicuous citizen. Bufalini is the author of several works in the science of medicine, which have obtained for him a reputation beyond the borders of his own country. It is claimed for him that he has made useful discoveries which have introduced meliorations into native practice. More than sixty years ago he published the works by which he is best known, *A Hint upon the Doctrine of Life*, and *Of True and of False Glory, and the Means by which Each is Arrived at*. The elevation of his views, and the attractive beauty of his style, have gained for him great influence over more than one generation of Italians. After the creation of the new Kingdom of Italy, he was one of the first nominated by the Sovereign to Senatorial honors. Like Manzoni, Rossini, Lambruskini, Gino Capponi, and other Italians eminent in one or another walk of science or art, the life of Bufalini has been prolonged beyond the ordinary span of human existence.

THE AMERICAN CENTENNIAL.

So far as I can learn, the Italian Government has taken no part toward assisting exhibitors from this country who may wish to make a show of their commodities at the great Centennial display to be held at Philadelphia. The principal alleged obstacle is the attendant expense, which, it is declared, neither the exhibitors nor the country is able to bear. The question is asked "Why does not the United States Government send a vessel of the Navy to transport Italian products of art and mechanics to the American shores?" One asks in reply, "Why does not the Italian Government do it?" for the vessels of the fleet could not be better employed in time of peace than by helping the advancement of those arts and industries by which peace is promoted. It would also give a good opportunity for the officers of Italian vessels of war to study the mechanical processes, as well as the institutions and habits, of one of the most advanced countries of the world. For the rest, Italy must look out for herself, and see to it that she is not left out in the cold in this first Centennial house-warming in the United States of North America. This new-fledged chicken of an independent State is scratching right and left for the crumbs scattered by the commerce of all the world, now seated at a common table in happy fraternity. If Italy really wishes to become the England of the south of Europe, she must follow England's example of self-reliant activity.

THE PULPIT OGRE.

From the Areadian.

The cold comments of the weekly organs of opinion in London, on the revival movement at present conducted there by Messrs. Moody and Sankey, are offset by the warm language of the daily press—the *Telegraph*, *News*, *Hour*, *Post*, *Echo*, and *Globe* having all spoken in approving terms of these circulating revivalists and the work they are doing in the modern Babylon. Knowing what we do of the method of the average revivalist, we are pleasantly surprised to hear that Moody and Sankey refrain from anything like an attempt to work on the fears of the excitable multitude they address. The *Echo*, an evening paper whose 100,000 purchasers represent the sense, substance, and respectability of middle-class London, makes no scruple about saying that the English people will be very much indebted to Moody and Sankey, if these gentlemen shall help them to get rid of the mistake of supposing that grim and dismal hymns and sermons are the proper methods of creating reverence. But that mistake, alas! is not confined to the English people. We know too many instances, right here, of this, the characteristic delusion of the average revival preacher, whose stock in trade consists of threats and denunciations, whose favorite advertisements are lurid and panoramic "sections of the day of judgment," whose only inducements are fire and brimstone, and whose adopted specialty is hell. Nevertheless, even for such unattractive wares as these, there is a demand, and if grown people feel they cannot be converted except through the medium of their fears, we for our part cannot do less than hope they may speedily become the subjects of the desiderated paroxysm—of a fright so serious and overwhelming, indeed, that it will last them a lifetime, and place their conversion on a secure and unassailable foundation. But it seems to us a very different matter when children of tender years are deliberately selected, as they are here and elsewhere by sensational preachers, as fitting subjects for some cold-blooded emotional vivisector like Varley, who very probably may have drained his own cast-iron nature of every drop of warm human sympathy, and has, therefore, no longer any feeling of the torture he is inflicting on a child's sensitive organization. Even if he had such a feeling, the man's distorted and dogmatic notion of duty would very probably forbid him to stay his hand. But it should be out of the power of such a preacher to exercise his spells on the imaginations of children. Parents and guardians should shrink from committing their little charges to the mercy of a man who habitually preaches not mercy, but judgment; whose text is not the love, but rather the wrath of God. If it were wished to make a child morbid in disposition and morose in temper, to give it a heart of steel and a temperament of wood, to deprive it of elasticity and imbue it with a dogged obstinacy—then, indeed, would wrath and judgment be the doctrines to din into it, and a Varley the right sort of song for the purpose. We know that as there is a certain class of criminals who can be held in awe only by fear of the lash, so is there a class of sinners whose only effectual incentive to well-doing is *anathema maranatha*. Such have failed to be persuaded to embrace religion, and have failed to be bullied into it. But children cannot surely be held to have outgrown all the better impulses of human nature, so that they have no longer any instrument of grace left but the dreadful knout of fear—the fear, too, of physical consequences in an endless hell. Is this the sort of preachment to make the children? Is this the kind of spiritual nourishment on which children are expected to grow up healthy Christians, or healthy men of any stamp? We wish to see the creature who will maintain that he believes so; and yet, creatures swarm around who act as if they so believed. If there is one spectacle more repulsive to us than another, it is the spectacle of a Varley exploding his thunderbolts, and fulminating his lightnings of wrath to come over the heads of a gathering of horror-stricken little children. The repulsiveness of such a scene is not lessened by the ludicrous aspects of it, as represented by an able-bodied, lusty sinner scolding and denouncing a church full of innocents. But it is not enough to say it is repulsive and ludicrous—it is emphatically disgraceful, and fraught with bad effects on children. There is no parent, deserving so honored a name, who desires to have his child yield him obedience from the dread of punishment and not from an impulse of love; or who would tolerate in his nursery an ogress who is wont to play upon the active faucies of his little ones by hideous and lying tales, in order to produce the direct paralysis of terror. Nor will he tolerate an ogre in the pulpit, nor permit his children to be driven with the scourge if they cannot be drawn by the bonds of love. The training of children, if not conducted on this principle, is wholly wrong, from the beginning a perverse delusion, and eventually a total failure. It would be needless for us, perhaps, to remind the class of sensational preachers we have been referring to, that Jesus Christ, in speaking to children, did not even allude to such a place as hell, but spoke only of heaven; that he did not scold and threaten, but commended them; that he reproved nobody on that occasion but the self-sufficient, full-grown persons who then, as now, consider themselves to have a monopoly of declaring the will of heaven, and of dispensing its favors with as niggard a hand as with a liberal they shower down its judgments.

DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN AGAIN.

From the Sun.

Uncle Dan'l Drew went down into Wall street yesterday morning in a coach. His face was worn with illness, but the traces of grief at the damage unintentionally done "the boys" by his sickness were deeper set and much more conspicuous than any left by a brief period of bodily suffering. Still Uncle Dan'l's eyes sparkled with their wonted brilliancy, and the moment he cast them upon the stock list tape his brokers knew that he was all himself again. His known goodness and liberality gave rise to a rumor that he contemplated a scheme of making good the losses consequent upon the rumor of his illness; indeed Uncle Dan'l looked so benevolent and smiled so sweetly that this rumor did not seem so absurd as it would have been if coupled with the name of any other man; still, those of the victims who waited for the restitution were disappointed. Uncle Dan'l would rather found a college any day than restore a cent.

A NEW LOLA MONTEZ.

The Paris correspondent of the London *Echo* writes, March 16: "A very lively incident occurred on the Boulevards last night, which reminds one of the days of Lola Montez. Mme. Olga de Janina, a young lady of Franco-Russian birth, and a pupil of Liszt, had announced to give a concert at the Salle Taitbout next Saturday, and, in accordance with the time-honored custom of the professional world, she sent a preliminary puff to all the papers. It was inserted by the majority, but a few of the editors were ungallant enough to disoblige her, and among them the editor of the Bonapartist *Pays*. This highly disappointed Mme. Olga, whose opinions happen to be Bonapartist, and she forthwith sent a friend—a priest, it is said—to inquire the reason. M. Paul De Cassagnac, the editor of the *Pays*, replied that he could not interfere with what his musical critic had done, and he added that he was surprised to see a priest mix himself up in the affairs of a young lady whose reputation was not what the Church could desire. Mme. Olga de Janina no sooner received this answer than she donned herself in male attire, purchased a cane, and, red with indignation, proceeded to the Café de la Paix, a Bonapartist rendezvous, where she found her identical enemy taking his absinthe. After apostrophizing M. De Cassagnac in very warm and glowing language, she struck him across the back and face with her cane, and triumphantly left the café. The fighting editor of the *Pays* never looked so crestfallen in his life. The exploit is a capital one for Mme. Olga, but it is probable the Prefecture will not allow the concert to take place for fear of a disturbance."

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

COST OF THE DISTRICT COURTS.

IMPORTANT REPORT OF CONTROLLER GREEN—ENORMOUS SALARIES PAID TO JUSTICES, CLERKS, AND OTHERS.

The Board of Apportionment held a long session yesterday. Mayor Wickham occupied the chair, and all the members were present. After the transaction of some unimportant business, the Controller submitted the following report:

CITY OF NEW-YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, March 31, 1875.

To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment:

The subject of salaries of the District Courts having been referred to the Controller at a meeting of the Board, held on March 6, 1875, he respectfully submits the following report:

There are ten District Courts in the City of New-York, the cost of which, at the salaries claimed by one or more of the Judges, and a retinue of Clerks, stenographers, interpreters, janitors, and attendants thereof, amount to the immense sum of $222,200 annually. To this is to be added about $30,000 per annum for fuel, stationery, cleaning, rent, &c., making together more than a quarter of a million of dollars, for which services are rendered very disproportionate to the amount paid.

The salaries of the Justices of these minor courts are fixed by section 116 of chapter 335 of the laws of 1873, as amended, as follows, to wit: The salary of the Justices of the District Courts is hereby fixed at $8,000 each per annum."

Even this extravagant allowance made by the Legislature is, it appears, not satisfactory to all these Justices, as some of them are now suing for $10,000 salary. The average amount of time occupied by the Justices in the performance of their duties is, I am informed, not over three hours for three days a week; they then are at liberty to attend to their other business. It is but just to say that some of the Justices occupy some more time in the discharge of their duties. One of them is engaged in getting judgments against the City for the salaries of his Clerks at a rate in excess of that allowed by the Board of Apportionment.

These enormous salaries are a Ring relic, and an outrage upon the tax-payers, and ought not to continue. The salaries of the Clerks and Assistant Clerks have been reduced by the Board of Apportionment from $3,000 per annum, (claimed,) to $2,500 per annum, and of janitors, from $1,500 per annum to $1,200 per annum, and these have been paid at the reduced rates, but several suits are pending for the differences.

The charter gives the Board of Apportionment the power to regulate the salaries of all officers, in the following words:

"The salaries of all officers paid from the City Treasury * * * shall be fixed by the Board of Apportionment." * * *

I understand learned Judges have decided that janitors are not officers, and therefore their salaries cannot be reduced by the Board of Apportionment. It would seem to me that the word "officers," as used in the above law, was intended to mean employes.

Persons claiming to be stenographers are quite incapable of writing in short hand, and parties are put to great trouble to get notes of evidence.

A general reduction of salaries should be made in these courts, from the Justices down to the attendants.

It is curious to trace the progress of these salaries. Originally, in 1834, the salaries of the Justices were fixed at $1,600 per annum; in 1848 they were fixed at $2,500 per annum; in 1855 they were changed to $2,000 per annum; under the laws of 1857 they were changed to $3,000 per annum; under resolution of the Board of Supervisors of 1864, they were again changed to $5,000 per annum; they claimed, and were paid, under provisions of laws of 1870, $10,000 per annum, though, I think, they were never entitled to it.

These Civil Justices were to be paid a salary not exceeding that paid to the Police Justices, and the decision of the court may be illustrated thus: If the law provided that A was to have a salary equal to that paid to B, and if the paying officer dishonestly paid B double the amount to which he was entitled, therefore it is argued A would be entitled to the amount actually but wrongfully paid B, the measure being not what B was lawfully entitled to receive, but what he was wrongfully paid. Who can doubt that the law meant to make the amount which the Police Justices were entitled to the standard, and not what was wrongfully paid them, the maximum which the Civil Justices were entitled to receive?

In 1873 these salaries were fixed by the Legislature at $8,000 per annum; thus these salaries have gone up from $1,500 to $10,000 per year. It is high time to begin to go back again.

Section 97 of the charter is as follows:

"The salaries of all officers paid from the City Treasury, whose offices now exist but are not embraced in any department, shall be fixed by the Board of Apportionment, such board may, by a majority vote, reduce any such salaries, but shall not increase the salary of any office the compensation of which now exceeds $3,000."

The extent of the powers that this section confers upon the Board of Estimate and Appotionment to reduce the salaries of the Justices, Clerks, and other employes of these courts is a subject upon which each member of the board can form his own opinion. While the chief object of this communication is to act on the future, a rectification of the salaries of present officials ought to be made at once to the scale proposed.

There is no need of more than five of these courts for the whole City. If the board has the power to effect it, I recommend a reduction to that number, and that the compensation of those attached to them be fixed upon the following scale of salaries, to wit: Justice, $4,000 per annum, instead of $8,000, now allowed; Clerk, $2,000 per annum, instead of $2,500, now allowed; Assistant Clerk, none required, instead of $2,500, now allowed; Interpreter, who shall act as attendant, $1,200; Stenographer, $1,500 per annum, instead of $2,500, now allowed; attendants, none required, instead of two at $1,200, now allowed; janitor, none required, instead of one at $1,200, now allowed.

Although there is a janitor provided and paid for the care and cleaning of the court rooms, the work is actually performed by other parties in the ten District Courts. The total salaries of the ten District Courts at these reduced rates would amount to $87,000, and if the number of the courts is reduced to five, as recommended, they would amount to $43,500, making a saving of $43,500 per annum in the cost of keeping up these courts. The business transacted by them can be better and more satisfactorily done for this sum than it is at present. With a few exceptions these courts from the Justice down to the attendants are filled with political place-men, and the whole machinery of them is costly and generally inefficient. The terms of these Justices are nearly out, all expiring Jan. 1 next. There is, I understand, a bill now before the Legislature to provide for the election of nine Justices by general ticket, who shall receive the same compensation that the present Justices now receive, and who are to appoint Clerks, officers, and attendants. This bill should not pass.

I think this is a proper occasion to reduce expenses and to relieve tax-payers, and I recommend that the following resolution be adopted as the expression of this Board:

Resolved, That in the judgment of this board there should be but five District Civil Courts in and for the City of New-York; that the Justices of said courts should be citizens of the United States, and members of the Bar of at least five years' standing, and that the salaries of the Justices shall not exceed the sum of $4,000 per annum each; and that the number of employes should be limited to the following specified persons and rates of salary: One Clerk, at $2,000 per annum; one stenographer, at $1,500 per annum; one interpreter, who shall act as attendant, $1,200 per annum.

I also recommend that the following resolution be adopted:

Whereas, Section 97 of the laws of 1873 confers upon the Board of Estimate and Apportionment the authority to fix the salaries of all officers paid from the City Treasury whose offices are not embraced in any department; and

Whereas, The Justices of the (civil) District Courts of this City, and the following classes of employes attached thereto are not embraced in any department, and come within the class of officers so referred to by section 97: therefore,

Resolved, That the salaries of the (civil) District Court Justices and the employes of said District Courts be, and the same are hereby fixed at the following rates, to take effect April 1, 1875: District Court Justices, $4,000 each per annum; clerks, $2,000 each per annum; assistant clerks, $1,500 each per annum; stenographers, $1,500 each per annum; interpreters, $1,000 each per annum; attendants, $1,000 each per annum.

ANDREW H. GREEN, Controller.

When the report was read Mr. Green said there was a bill in Albany relative to the District Justices, and he desired to know if the board would take some action upon it.

Mayor Wickham answered in the negative. The report was then ordered to be printed.

The Controller reported that there was no available balance to furnish extra clerical help to the Board of Aldermen. It was stated at a previous meeting that there was a surplus of $1,700 which could be used for the purpose.

The board then adjourned.

POLICE CAPTAIN WILLIAMS

The case of Capt. Alexander S. Williams, of the Fourth Precinct Police, who is charged with having received, during the Summer of 1874, a number of valuable presents from Miss Louisa Smith, the keeper of a house of ill-fame, at No. 162 Wooster st. set, while he was in command of the Eighth Precinct, as fully detailed in last Sunday's TIMES, was called for trial before President Matsell yesterday. Mr. Seth C. Hawley, Chief Clerk of the department, appeared for the prosecution, and Capt. Williams, who was present, was defended by Col. C. S. Spencer. Mr. Hawley called Miss Smith, the complainant and principal witness in the case, but received no response. Several other witnesses for the prosecution were also called, but failed to appear. Mr. Hawley then asked for an adjournment until such time as the presence of those witnesses could be enforced. Col. Spencer said that the defendant had been to a great deal of trouble in procuring the attendance of twenty or thirty witnesses in his defense, and it was an act of injustice to compel these persons to come again. He said he was prepared to prove that the prosecution was an act of malice, and also that at the time the complainant alleges she was giving these presents to Capt. Williams he was constantly making arrests from the house she kept, and was using every means in his power to break it up. The only occasion that this woman had attempted to bribe him was one day when she left $25 in an envelope at the station-house for him, and when the defendant learned of it he sent for her, returned the money, and rebuked her severely for her conduct. He claimed that his client should, at an early opportunity, be allowed to refute the charges made against him, which had been pending since last November. By mutual consent the hearing was adjourned until Friday afternoon next.

THE EASTER ELECTIONS.

The following additional elections have been held in the Protestant Episcopal churches:

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Wardens—W. C. Hyde, W. P. Hodgson.
Vestrymen—Albert Daggett, A. O. Backus, C. W. Wells, James A. Taylor, R. C. Stearns, J. Morrell, S. Gildersleeve, W. M. Hicks.
Delegates to Convention—W. C. Hyde, Albert Daggett, James A. Taylor.

FRENCH CHURCH "DU ST. ESPRIT."

Wardens—J. P. Schlunipf and Frederick Renaud.
Vestrymen—S. L. Lanoir, Adam Young, J. Pécler, Frederick C. Jeandheur, P. C. Dômé, A. Delau, L. M. Pignuler, L. E. Glatz.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

Wardens—Andrew D. Letson, Walter Shriver.
Vestrymen—Thomas Rutter, John H. Riker, Charles W. Hull, William Rutter, John McDonald, Stevenson Towle, Clark C. Wilson, and William R. Carr.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH—EAST CHESTER.

Wardens—Nathaniel Valentine, Robert H. Coburn.
Vestrymen—Stephen P. Hunt, Edward Martin, Clafbourne Ferris, John G. Fay, William Jarvis, Leander W. Townsend, Charles Morgan, Nehemiah Hunt.

GRACE CHURCH.

Wardens—Benjamin Aymar and Adam Norrier.
Vestrymen—Lloyd W. Wells, Benjamin B. Sherman, Hugh Auchincloss, Alfred Schermerhorn, Charles G. Landon, Levi P. Morton, Stephen C. Williams, David W. Bishop.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS.

The monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held at No. 63 William street yesterday, Hon. William E. Dodge in the chair. The following persons were elected members: John V. N. Dorr, David Dows, William A. Hall, James Haslehurst, Charles C. Hastings, William F. Havemeyer, Leonard Hazletine, Jr., A. W. Humphreys, William L. Pomeroy, Henry Sanger, Thomas W. Shannon, Samuel Shethar, John Sloane.

Resolutions, offered by Mr. Solon B. Humphreys, were adopted giving to the officers of the Chamber the power to make arrangements for the annual banquet on May 6, and appointing Mr. S. B. Chittenden, Mr. Jackson S. Schultz, and Mr. Sinclair Tousey a committee to nominate officers of the Chamber for the ensuing year.

A resolution offered by Capt. Snow, urging the Legislature to pass the bill in reference to the throwing of ashes and other material into the waters of New-York Harbor, was then adopted.

In response to an invitation, a committee of five, consisting of Messrs. E. C. Cowdin, S. B. Chittenden, A. A. Low, Josiah M. Fiske, and Col. F. A. Conkling, was then appointed to represent the Chamber of Commerce at the celebration of the Battle of Lexington, on the 19th instant, at Concord and Lexington, Mass. The committee was empowered to fill vacancies and add to its number.

Messrs. William A. Vermilyea and George A. Jarvis were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

THE DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

At the meeting of the Dock Commissioners yesterday Commissioner Budd moved to take from the table a resolution presented by him at the meeting of the board on March 18, directing the Engineer in Chief to prepare and submit plans for such a system of wharf structures as would be best adapted for the proper development of Harlem River and Spuyten Duyvil Creek for commercial purposes, &c. The Commissioner stated that the project was in compliance with an enactment of the Legislature, and would cost the department about $25,000, which would have to be drawn from the maintenance and office expenses fund. The resolution was passed unanimously. In compliance with a recommendation of the Engineer in Chief in a communication calling attention to the necessity for dredging Pier No. 34, North River, the Secretary was directed to authorize the work. A communication from the Department of Charities and Correction requesting the reconstruction of a pier at Hart's Island, recently destroyed by the ice-floes, was referred to the Engineer for an estimate of expenses. The petition of the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company for permission to construct a pier at the foot of Fifty-ninth street, North River, was referred to the Executive Committee. Petitions from the Morrisania Steam-boat Company for landing places at the foot of Twenty-third and Grand streets, and from the Day Line to Albany for an addition of sixty feet to its pier, were also referred to the Executive Committee.

THE LIZZIE STERN INQUEST.

Coroner Croker yesterday commenced an inquest in the case of Lizzie Stern, who died in confinement on board the Bellevue Hospital steamer Bellevue, on the night of March 21. The deceased had been an inmate of the Charity Hospital just previous to her decease, and had received permission to visit a friend in Eldridge street on the day of her death. While at the house of her friend she became ill, and was removed to the Tenth Precinct Station-house, and subsequently to Bellevue. The testimony of several witnesses was adduced at the inquest, showing that the night was cold, and the cabin of the steamer was not heated. Dr. Robert Murray, the attendant physician, testified that in his opinion the death of the patient was caused by exposure to the extreme cold and the absence of warm water with which to bathe the patient. The case was adjourned until 11 A. M. to-day.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

Vice President Wilson is at the Grand Central Hotel.

Sir David Wedderburn, of Scotland, is at the Windsor Hotel.

Marquis de Chambrun, of France, is at the St. Denis Hotel.

Rev. Dr. T. K. Conrad, of Philadelphia, is at the Hotel Brunswick.

Count de Kergarion, of Brittany, is at the Hoffman House.

Judge J. G. Abbott and Prof. W. B. Rogers, of Boston, are at the Westminster Hotel.

Robert G. Watson, of the British Legation at Washington, is at the Westmoreland Hotel.

Hon. Charles A. Washburn, of California, and ex-Congressman Logan H. Roots, of Arkansas, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

Congressman B. T. Eames, of Rhode Island, and Clayton MacMichael, of Philadelphia, are at the Albemarle Hotel.

Capt. F. S. Haggerty, United States Navy, and Senator M. C. Hamilton, of Texas, are at the Sturtevant House.

Postmaster General Jewell; Hon. James G. Blaine, of Maine; Gov. Henry Howard, of Rhode Island, and ex-Gov. Curtin, of Pennsylvania, are at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

THE EMIGRATION COMMISSION.

HEARING BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE ON THE QUESTION OF GIVING PRESIDENTS OF NATIONAL SOCIETIES A VOTE ON APPOINTMENTS.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 1.—The Senate Committee on Commerce this morning considered the House bill proposing to give the Presidents of the Irish and German Societies each a vote in the Board of Commissioners of Emigration on the appointment and removal of employes.

Mr. John E. Develin appeared on behalf of the Irish Emigration Society, and urged the bill to become a law, instancing the valuable services rendered to the commission by these Presidents, and stating that, through the influence of these two societies, the Board of Emigration was first established in 1847, the two societies previous to that time doing the work performed by the present board.

Mr. Sigismund Kauffman, formerly President of the German Society, appeared on behalf of that society and argued that a better state of affairs would exist in the workings of the board if the right to vote was given as proposed. He urged the justice of restoring the right to vote to those gentlemen who are chosen for their high character and honesty to the position of president, as representative men of their several birth-places.

Messrs. Stephenson and Bernard Casserly opposed the bill in earnest speeches, claiming that these officers should have no voice in controlling the appointment of the employes of the board.

THE YELLOW FEVER AT KEY WEST AND HAVANA.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Telegrams received by the Secretary of the Navy from the naval officers at Key West, report that three deaths from yellow fever have occurred at that place within the last two weeks. There are no cases on board the United States vessels; all the vessels are at the outer anchorage, seven miles from Key West and every precaution has been taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

The Secretary has also received dispatches from Havana announcing the fever not to be epidemic there. A few sporadic cases of a mild type, are reported in the city, but none of our vessels, or any of the shipping in the harbor has suffered.

AN ABSCONDING MERCHANT.

BOSTON, April 1.—Micah W. Hodgdon, a well-known dry goods commission merchant, has suddenly left the city, under circumstances that create quite a scandal in business and social circles. He was trusted with $20,000 in United States bonds, belonging to his mother-in-law, to deposit in the Safety Deposit Vaults. He had regularly paid over the proceeds from the coupons to her, and was entrusted with the key to the box in which they were kept. Discovery has just been made that he has within the past few months sold all the bonds and appropriated the proceeds. No legal steps have yet been taken in the matter.

LAW REPORTS.

THE MANK COUNTERFEITING CASE.

A SERIES OF CHARGES—MANK HELD IN $10,000 BAIL—A DETECTIVE OUTWITS AN EX-DETECTIVE.

Gen. William G. Mank, the ex-detective, charged with counterfeiting, was brought before Commissioner Davenport yesterday, and held for an examination to-day in default of $10,000 bail. There are two charges against him, one of selling $1,500 in counterfeit fifty-cent currency notes, and the other of having counterfeit greenbacks and national currency notes in his possession with intent to pass. The $1,500 in fractional currency, he is alleged to have sold at about 8:30 o'clock on Wednesday evening, in Orchard, near Rivington street, for $350 in good money, $330 of which he received in cash, giving credit for the balance. This good money, which had been previously marked, was, it is claimed, found upon his person. The charge of having counterfeit money in his possession with intent to pass, is based upon the finding of some of it in his room at Hartmann's Hotel, on the Bowery, and the fact, as charged, that he had agreed to sell some of it to a man whom he supposed to be a counterfeiter. J. T. Porter, specially employed by the Chief of the Secret Service Division, is said to be the man who bought the fractional currency from Mank, who believed that he was dealing with a counterfeiter. Besides counterfeit money found in Mank's room, were a number of wrappers, in which counterfeit money, mainly exhibits, to be used in convicting counterfeiters, had been inclosed, and deposited in the safe of the office of the Secret Service detectives in Bleecker street, from which, it is supposed, large quantities of counterfeit money have been stolen by Mank in order both to sell it and to prevent its use in evidence. A counterfeit note found in Mank's room was an important exhibit in a case against Kelly, a notorious counterfeiter, and it is charged that Mank prevented the conviction of "Bristol Bill" by stealing exhibits that were to be used against him.

MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

THE VERDICT OF THE JURY IN THE JOURDAN CASE—THE PRISONER SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE.

The case of Joseph Jourdan, who has been on trial in the Court of Oyer and Terminer for the past three days, closed yesterday. The jury came into court at 8 o'clock, and stated they had not yet agreed upon a verdict. They desired his Honor to repeat his instructions defining murder in the first and second degrees; and in doing so the Judge laid much stress upon premeditation and malice aforethought, and expressed a hope that after the long deliberation given to the case a satisfactory result would be reached. The jury at the close of his remarks withdrew into the ante-room, and after a few moments returned into court having agreed on a verdict—murder in the second degree. His Honor then said, that the jury had given a patient and careful attention to the investigation of the facts of the case. The evidence fully justified a verdict that might have cost the prisoner his life, but there was a doubt within the merciful consideration of the law, and the jury have given him the full benefit of it. The prisoner had committed a fearful crime, and it now only remained to him to pronounce sentence—which was that he should be imprisoned in the State Prison during the period of his natural life.

The jury stood eleven to one for conviction of murder in the first degree on Wednesday night, and last night ten were for conviction in the second degree and two adhered to the original verdict.

THE BANK OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

The case of the Chemical National Bank and Thomas Nelson, creditors of the National Bank of the Commonwealth, vs. Isaac H. Bailey, Receiver of the National Bank of the Commonwealth, John J. Knox, Controller of the Currency, and the National Bank of the Commonwealth, in which the plaintiffs sued for interest on their claims, was heard some time ago in the United States Circuit Court, and yesterday Judge Wallace decided in favor of the plaintiffs, holding that when, as in the present case, the Controller of the Currency had decided a national bank to be in default, and had appointed a Receiver, under the provisions of the National Banking act, and a sufficient fund was received from the assets to pay all claims against the bank and leave a surplus, the Controller of the Currency should allow interest on the claims for the period which it had taken to administer upon the bank's effects, and before any appropriation of the surplus to the stockholders of the bank; that the equity of the creditors receiving interest on their claims for the time during which they had been precluded from receiving their principal was obvious, and that when by statute preference was given to one classor creditors over another in the distribution of an estate, the preference excluded interest on the preferred class of claims.

PARAN STEVENS' ESTATE.

The Paran Stevens estate, composed mainly of valuable hotel property in this and other cities of the United States, was left by Mr. Stevens to be disposed of by his wife, who was the executrix and main legatee under the will, and Mr. John L. Melcher, the executor, Mrs. Stevens' interest in the estate being specially in the hands of trustees. There is now a balance to the credit of the estate of $36,314 27 in the Second National Bank of this City, which Mr. Melcher has withheld from the Trustees on the ground that it is necessary for him to hold it to meet maturing obligations of the estate which he considers it his duty as Executor to discharge. An application was made yesterday before Surrogate Hutchings to compel the Executor to pay over this amount to the Trustees as the proper custodians, representing the interests of the legatee to whom the bulk of the estate belonged. Mr. Melcher testified that he withheld this money from a sense of duty as Mrs. Stevens' administrator as Executrix had been of such a character as to imperil payment of just claims against the estate. Mrs. Stevens, who was present, seemed greatly affected at these charges, and indignantly denied their truth. The Surrogate reserved his decision.

THE RECORD OF A BIRTH OMITTED.

An application was yesterday made in Supreme Court, Chambers, before Judge Donohue, for a mandamus, based upon alleged negligence of the City Inspector, who failed to record the birth of a child, after being requested so to do. It appears that the wife of Emile Cordeiro da Silva gave birth to a daughter on June 8, 1865, the child being soon after christened Emilie Olea da Silva. The father requested the attending physician to give due notice of the event to the City Inspector, and to authorize the child's name to be recorded in the record-book, which the physician did. In January last the father examined the records of birth, but failed to see his daughter's name therein. He thereupon requested the Board of Health to amend the records so that her name might be inserted, which request they refused to comply with, hence the application. Counsel for the applicant urged that the father was a citizen of France; that the laws of France require parties contemplating marriage to furnish minute particulars of the birth, and that it would be a source of great trouble and vexation both to himself and daughter, in not having a properly authenticated certificate of her birth. On the part of the Board of Health it was contended that they had no power to amend the record, and that if such amendment or alteration should be required it would greatly derange and impair the correctness of the "vital statistics," which were published yearly. The court, after hearing the argument, reserved decision.

COURT OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, April 1.—In the Court of Appeals, April 1, 1875, the following cases were heard:

No. 155.—*Calvin G. Hinckley, as Survivor, &c., appellant vs. The New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, respondent.*—Argument resumed and concluded.

No. 171.—*Daniel L. Noyes et al., respondents, vs. George Phillips, appellant.*—Argued by Ellingham H. Nichols and J. Treuwell Richards, of counsel for appellant, and by N. C. Moak for respondents.

No. 172.—*Thomas M. Tyng, appellant, vs. The United States Submarine and Torpedo Boat Company, respondents.*—Argued by T. Mitchell Tyng, of counsel for appellant, and by F. J. Tithan for respondent.

No. 174.—*Jedediah Briggs, appellant, vs. Forette L. Bowen, respondent.*—Submitted.

No. 175.—*Jedediah Briggs, appellant, vs. Henry M. Bowen, respondent.*—Submitted.

No. 178.—*Patrick Organ et al., respondents, vs. Neil Stewart, appellant.*—Argued by Samuel Hand for appellant, and by Irving Browne for respondent. Case still on.

Proclamation was made and the court adj

MR. BEECHER ON TRIAL.

THE DEFENDANT'S SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

HIS FRIENDLINESS FOR TILTON—THE FIRST TIME THEY CAME IN CONFLICT—HOW TILTON'S CHANGE OF RELIGIOUS VIEWS AFFECTED MRS. TILTON—MR. BEECHER DRAWN TO MOULTON BY HIS CULTIVATED TASTES—MRS. TILTON'S APPLICATION TO HIM FOR COUNSEL—THE REMNANT OF MR. REDPATH'S CROSS-EXAMINATION.

At the opening of court yesterday Mr. Fullerton recalled James Redpath, the witness for the defense who had been on the stand Tuesday afternoon. The witness was shown one of the letters which had been read in evidence the day before, and asked if he had had an interview with Mr. Beecher prior to the writing of the letter. He replied that he had, on the evening before, and then went on to state his movements at that time and several days after. On the Monday forenoon when he saw Mr. Beecher at the latter's house in Peekskill, witness asked him "if he was prepared to talk business?" Mr. Beecher answered "Try me." The witness then spoke of his interview with Mr. and Mrs. Tilton and Moulton, and stated that Mr. Tilton said he should charge Beecher with adultery, extending over a period of two or three years. After some further remarks Mr. Beecher asked him whether he [Redpath] knew how bad the case really was. Witness replied that he did not, and Beecher then told him that it was "adultery, going on for two or three years." Mr. Redpath then described his previous interview with the Tiltons and Moulton, but was not certain what parts of the story had been related to the defendant. At the interview in question, Tilton had told the witness to go to Beecher, and tell him that he [Tilton] was going to charge adultery against him. To this Moulton objected, saying that he loved both the parties to the controversy, and that he would smite either of them to the earth if he attempted to crucify the other. The witness was not positive that he repeated all this to the defendant, but, to the best of his recollection he had. In reply Mr. Beecher said that he did not deny giving Theodore cause for offense, but he would not be a party to any further compromise. He had put his case into the hands of the committee, who would pronounce a just verdict, and one which he would abide by, whatever it was. In case there was the slightest censure, he said he would resign his pastorate in twenty-four hours. He would be a party to no further compact. As to the honor or truthfulness of Tilton, he considered that there was no reliance to be placed on him, and that he was in reality a scoundrel. Moulton, however, he thought was his friend. He then alluded, with much emotion, to the letters of condolence he had received from various friends, and said that they were very grateful to him. In a later interview had at Beecher's house, the witness swore that the former had stated "that he would tell the whole truth, and take the whole blame on himself." By doing this he said he would "vindicate Theodore and Elizabeth." Mr. Fullerton then asked the witness whether, at any of the interviews described, Mr. Beecher had denied the charge of adultery. After some argument among the counsel the question was allowed to be put, to which Mr. Redpath replied in the negative. He further added that he had not asked the question, having, as he said, full confidence in Mr. Beecher's innocence.

The next witness called was the defendant himself. He testified that he was born in Litchfield, Conn., in 1813, that his father was Rev. Lyman Beecher, and that his mother died in his infancy. He then went on to give the history of his youth and early manhood, the facts of which were recited at length in the historical sketch published in THE TIMES a few days since. The early history of Plymouth Church, its rise and progress, as well as the extent of Mr. Beecher's literary and editorial labors, were then gone into very fully. He was married at the age of twenty-seven years, and had been engaged to his future wife when he was in his seventeenth year. He had had nine children, five of whom were dead and four living. His acquaintance with Henry C. Bowen began when he first came to Brooklyn in 1847. For many years they had continued intimate associations, especially during the period of witness' connection with the *Independent*. The first coolness between them arose when the *Independent* published a series of violent attacks on him for his course in the matter of reconstruction. His personal relations with Bowen were uninterrupted down to the close of 1871, although they were never so cordial as in previous years. Mr. Beecher said that he first met Tilton when the latter was connected with the New-York *Observer*. The plaintiff was then young, and of a comely appearance and engaging manners, and at once attracted his attention and won his sympathies. From that time until 1860 he always saw more or less of the young man, and for several years after the break-out of the war they were thrown very much together. In the first-named year he assumed the editorship of the *Independent* with Tilton as assistant. When the witness went to Europe it was with the understanding that Tilton should assume the entire charge of the paper. In 1865 Tilton became sole editor, and Mr. Beecher editorial contributor. The first instance in which the two came into antagonism was in 1860, on the occasion of a discussion among the members of the church in regard to the advisability of further contributing to the support of the American Board of Foreign Missions, which was then thought to be in the pro-slavery interest. Tilton took the negative and Beecher the affirmative of the question, and the latter triumphed. This, however, did not more than temporarily interrupt the intimacy between them, which continued as stated before up to 1870. Tilton was also instrumental in reinstating his son in the Army, a service for which Mr. Beecher not only then but now felt warmly grateful.

After recess Mr. Shearman called the Judge's attention to the untaken testimony of Mr. Henry M. Cleveland, and it was arranged that 5 o'clock this afternoon be fixed for its hearing. Mr. Beecher's examination was then resumed. The witness testified that in 1865 a report was brought to him that Tilton had publicly charged him with acts of immorality. He immediately went to the plaintiff and remonstrated warmly with him. Tilton denied the charge in the most explicit manner, and afterward wrote a letter to him at his [Mr. Beecher's] suggestion, in which he retracted anything derogatory to the witness that he might have uttered, and expressed the highest respect and admiration for him as his guide, philosopher, and friend. This letter, which is dated Nov. 30, 1865, and has already been read in court, was here put in evidence.

The history of the two Woman Suffrage Associations of which Beecher and Tilton were respectively Presidents, was then gone over; after which the subject of the Page portrait, which Mr. Beecher sat for at Tilton's request, was dwelt upon. For some years before the outbreak of the present trouble, he had had his attention called to the change in Tilton's religious views, a subject which gave the latter's wife much trouble and anxiety. In her affliction she came to him. He endeavored to console her with the suggestion that Tilton's supposed heterodoxy was not so bad as it seemed. Later on, the subject was again brought up, in connection with the opposition which Tilton's editorial utterances had aroused in the North-west.

Mr. Beecher stated that he first met Moulton during the time he was sitting for the Page portrait, and was attracted to him by his agreeable manner and cultivated tastes. Mrs. Moulton was then known to him only as a member of his church. He first became acquainted with Mrs. Tilton at the time of her marriage; he had seen or heard of her before, but only as a schoolmate of his daughter. The Tilton wedding he recalled as "a beautiful dream." They were one of the fairest couples, he said, that he had ever seen. His first visits to their home were during the years immediately succeeding their marriage, and were made at the express and somewhat urgent request of Mr. Tilton. He had, on his return from Europe, and at other times, with the full knowledge of her husband, made her several little presents, as souvenirs of their acquaintance. When the Tiltons went to live at Mrs. Morse's he saw them still more frequently. Tilton always used to speak in the highest terms of his wife, and of her regard for the witness. On one occasion, in remonstrating on the infrequency of the latter's visits, he said, "There is a little woman down at my house who loves you more than you think." At another time Tilton told him that "he (Beecher) had a fast friend in Lib." From the time Mr. and Mrs. Tilton entered their own house up to 1870 the witness has been in the habit of visiting them at 10 o'clock in the morning, or about that hour. His studies occupied him in the early morning, and the interval which he employed in visiting his friends was between 10 and 11 o'clock. One day in the Spring or early Summer of 1870 he took Mrs. Tilton out to drive, he having recently purchased a pair of fine carriage horses. Shortly afterward he called again for the same purpose, at the request of Mrs. Morse, and when Mrs. Tilton declined, her husband, who was standing at the gate, insisted on her putting on her things and going. In August, 1870, while at Peekskill, he received a note from Mrs. Tilton, asking him to come to Brooklyn and visit her. He did so, and found her in ill health and weighed down with sorrow over her husband's religious views and the coldness which had sprung up between them. He prayed with her and consoled her as best he could and then left. Two or three days later he called a second time, but she was indisposed and he went away without seeing her. From that time until December, 1870, he saw nothing of her. In the last named month she sent a written request to him by Bessie Turner, asking his counsel and his assistance in a very serious matter. He at once went to her house, in Livingston street, and was then informed by Mrs. Morse and Mrs. Tilton that Theodore's conduct had become so bad that a peaceful home was no longer possible, and that they had determined upon a separation. No one was more surprised by this than the witness himself, but he promised to consult his wife about it and give his opinion at an early day. During the interview Mrs. Tilton said very little, Mrs. Morse doing all the talking. The counsel for the defense strongly objected to the introduction of Mrs. Tilton's declarations, on the ground that, from her position as the wife of one of the parties, anything she might say out of her husband's presence and without his knowledge was invalid. The Court decided in their favor, but the objection was subsequently withdrawn. Mr. Beecher further testified that he saw Mrs. Tilton the next day, in the company of his wife. He only remembered speaking to her once, and that was to express his surprise that she had been so long in trouble, and had never informed him of it. He gave her some consolation, and after praying with her, departed. At this point the court adjourned until this morning.

SCENES AND INCIDENTS.

For the vindication of his honor and his fair name, Rev. Henry Ward Beecher yesterday took the stand in his own behalf. This most important event of the trial, anticipated by the public through announcements in the press, resulted in the court-room being crowded to the very doors. Men of all conditions and stations in life, and women of more or less public celebrity and refinement, mingled together with one common purpose, that of hearing the defendant plead his own cause before the jury who are to decide upon his guilt or innocence. The seats on the bench were fully occupied. Judge Meredith G. Jones, of Luzerne County, Penn., and Judge Reynolds sat with Judge Neilson. Not an inch of space could be spared inside the bar. All the counsel were present, and each lawyer had three or four office boys in waiting. Mr. Beecher came into court with his wife, his daughter, Mrs. Scovell, and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Henry W. Beecher, Jr. His sons had already assumed their seats. Mr. Beach and Tilton followed close upon the Beecher party. Mr. Beecher courteously greeted Mr. Beach, and they exchanged the ordinary salutations of every-day life. Tilton passed on to his place, and Mr. Beecher took his place by the side of his wife. On the jury being polled, the court-room was hushed, and everyone expected that Mr. Beecher would be the next witness. Mr. Fullerton, however, announced that the counsel for the plaintiff desired to further cross-examine Mr. Redpath, and the spell of interest was broken, and very little attention paid to Mr. Redpath's evidence. Mr. Redpath testified that in July, 1874, he was at Tilton's house with the plaintiff and Moulton, when Tilton said he would charge Beecher with adultery, and that the witness, who was going to see Beecher at Peekskill on the following day, should tell Beecher so. Moulton objected, and said, that much as he loved both Beecher and Tilton, he would smite down either one who attempted to destroy the other. He told Mr. Beecher this at Peekskill the next day, and he said he had placed the matter in the hands of men of high character, whose verdict he would abide, but that he would be no party to any compact which depended on the faith, honor, or magnanimity of Theodore Tilton—that he was a scoundrel. Mr. Beecher said he thought Mr. Moulton was his friend, and that he would lose his faith in human nature if Mr. Moulton proved a traitor. In an interview with Mr. Beecher at his house in Brooklyn, two days subsequently, Mr. Beecher said he had determined to make a clean breast of it, and vindicate Elizabeth and Theodore. This testimony of Mr. Redpath was regarded with interest by the lawyers, but not by the general audience. Mr. Evarts then rose, and, turning to the defendant, said: "Mr. Beecher, will you be sworn?" Mr. Beecher arose, hat in hand, passed behind the jury-box, and mounted the witness-stand. He looked around for a moment, the same as he does on his church platform, then took off his overcoat, just as he does in church, slung his slouch hat carelessly down, and turning to the Judge, stood with uplifted hand, ready to be sworn. The Bible was proffered him by the Court officer, but he gently put it aside, and Mr. Mallison, the Clerk, seeing this began to administer the oath of affirmation, and had said "You do solemnly affirm," when Mr. Beach arose and said, "One moment. I object to Mr. Beecher's being sworn in this manner, unless he is sworn on the Scriptures." Judge Neilson intimated that any form of oath was valid which Mr. Beecher considered binding on his conscience. Mr. Beach demanded that the strict form of the statute be complied with, unless the witness had conscientious scruples against being sworn on the Scriptures. Before Judge Neilson could reply, Mr. Beecher said, in a very decided tone of voice, that he had such scruples. He was then sworn in the New-England fashion, by declaring, in the presence of "The ever-living God to tell the truth, &c.," and resumed his seat in the witness chair. He sat at ease, with his left hand resting on the arm of the chair, his right hand clasping his right knee. Tilton and Moulton sat opposite him, looking straight into his face. Their sustained scrutiny did not in the least seem to discompose him. His head was thrown well back on his shoulders and his eyes rested solely upon his chief counsel, Mr. Evarts. The court officer called out "Henry Ward Beecher," and the examination was at once begun. It commenced with the birth of Mr. Beecher, in Litchfield, Conn., in 1813, and continued with the death of his father, Rev. Lyman Beecher, in 1863, at the age of eighty-six years, the death of his mother when he was three years old, their removal to Boston, his father's family consisting of thirteen born, eleven of whom were raised to man's estate. Mr. Evarts asked how many were boys, and Mr. Beecher answered six were boys and four girls. Mr. Evarts asked how could six and four make eleven, and Mr. Beecher, considering for a moment, said, with a smile, he never could figure the number up right unless he counted them one by one. This was the first joke made during the day, and caused much laughter. From this point the examination proceeded through the earlier years of Mr. Beecher's life, his graduation at Amherst, his final study under his father in Lane Seminary, his ordination and assumption of a pastoral charge in Lawrenceburg, Ind., where his congregation did not number over twenty persons; his removal to Indianapolis, where he had a salary of $800 for eight years; and his settlement in Brooklyn, in 1847, as the Pastor of Plymouth Church, then having a congregation of twenty-five members, up to the present, when its congregation is limited only by the building, and its regular membership reaches from 2,500 to 3,000. These details, so well known, and therefore comparatively uninteresting, were given with an air of pardonable pride, which gave them a new aspect, and revivified them.

"His literary career was then taken up—his sermons, his lectures, and the hay fever from which he yearly suffers, were duly descanted on. He described himself as a voluminous author, having thirty-five works published in his name. He was asked the date of publication of several of these works, and said he would have to refer to a record he had prepared. This record consisted of a number of sheets of paper pinned together, and on producing it he informed Mr. Beach that it was at his service if he so desired. Mr. Beach politely declined the offer. He was then asked when he was married, and replied, the same year he settled down. Mr. Evarts asked the age of Mrs. Beecher at that time, and Mr. Beecher said he really could not tell—that they had been engaged seven years; he thought she was the same age as himself, one half the year she would be twenty-four years old, and the remaining half just the same age as himself. When Mr. Beecher added, in his humorous way, that he was a college freshman at the time, the effect was inimitable and the laughter, in which Mrs. Beecher participated, hearty and prolonged. The next question brought out an answer of a totally different character. He was asked how many children he had, and replied, "I have four with me and five waiting for me." This answer was given with a marvelous pathos, and the transition from mirth to sadness, so natural yet so impressive, challenged the admiration of the audience. And in the succeeding answers, when he said that he regarded the sanctity of private communications, and never opened or allowed to be opened letters addressed to his children, and that no estrangement or separation had ever occurred between his wife and children and himself, Mr. Beecher's voice had a tremor and huskiness consonant with the preceding answer he had given. Then he was questioned as to his visiting the families of a portion of his congregation with whom he was on terms of intimacy, and replied with much warmth and dignity that, although he had been cautioned against doing so, he had maintained his right to do so; that he considered in addition to being a clergyman, he was a gentleman and a man of honor, and that he did not care who became jealous or what remarks were made. In alluding to Mr. Bowen, he said he was one of the founders of Plymouth, the head man of the nascent church, and more than any other man useful in directing its fiscal affairs. He then gave a description of Tilton, when they first met, as being youthful, comely, and winning his affections from the first. "The companionship," Mr. Beecher said, with emphasis, leaning forward in his chair, "was downright loving on my part." The discussion in Plymouth Church regarding the mission societies he did not consider as a manifestation of any disposition on Tilton's part to rival him. During the war, Tilton did him a signal service regarding his son. When asked whether he considered it a great favor, Mr. Beecher answered, "I did and do." A letter from Tilton to Beecher was then read, pledging undying love, and asking, in the event of Tilton's death, Beecher should take care of his children, who had been taught to revere him. During the reading of this letter Mr. Beecher seemed somewhat affected. He said that his first doubts as to Tilton's stability of faith arose from articles published in the *Independent*. He met Moulton at Page's studio, and several times they walked home together. He found Moulton a man of education, culture, and acuteness, a critic of art rather than an artist, a man with a love for study, a brilliant conversationalist, and a passionate admirer of James Russell Lowell and Shakespeare's sonnets, and when Mr. Beecher ended by saying he ranked Moulton very high, and turned to Moulton and smiled, Moulton laughed in return. Mr. Beecher said he could only remember her as a young girl growing up with his daughter and her companions. Mr. Evarts asked Mr. Beecher how old his daughter was. Mr. Beecher laid his hand on his chin, thought for some seconds, but finally laughed and said he really could not tell. At this Mrs. Beecher laughed heartily, and her daughter, Mrs. Hattie Scovell, blushed and laughed too. Mr. Beecher further added that the question related to one of the household matters over which Mrs. Beecher had exclusive control, the laughter became general, and Mrs. Scovell, although her age was eventually ascertained, joined in the merriment. Speaking of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Tilton, he said, "They were one of the fairest pairs I ever married, and I had strong hopes for their future." Mr. Beecher then described his visits to the Tilton household, his taking Mrs. Tilton out to drive on two occasions, Tilton on one occasion asking Mrs. Tilton to go, and the examination finally arrived at the point where Bessie Turner called on him. Here the expectation aroused in court was shattered by the conversation being ruled out. Then came the request from Mrs. Morse to call at her house and see Mrs. Tilton, and his calling there. Mr. Evarts asked what the convertion was, and Mr. Beach objected. An argument followed, during which Mr. Beach made a very affective speech. He asked the court on what principle of law or justice an alleged adulterer could bring into evidence his conversations with his alleged mistress, the husband of the woman not being present, to be used against the husband. The court ruled out the conversation, when Mr. Beach waived his objection, not only in reference to this point but also regarding the Bessie Turner conversation. This unexpected action of the plaintiff's counsel took the greater part of the audience by surprise. Its object and result are alike important. When the defense seek to bring in evidence an important conversation of the defendant with a third party, such as with Mrs. Tilton when she wrote the letter of retraction, Mr. Beach can object, and the court, to be consistent with its present ruling, must rule out the testimony. Mr. Beecher then testified that he told Mrs. Morse he did not think he would be a good authority to advise a wife to separate from her husband, but that he would call in Mrs. Beecher to consider the matter. Mrs. Beecher was consulted, and he agreed with her that a separation, Mrs. Tilton to receive maintenance money, was the proper course to be pursued. The court then adjourned till to-day. Mr. Beecher on leaving the stand was warmly congratulated by his counsel and friends.

THE PROCEEDINGS.

MR. REDPATH RECALLED—MR. BEECHER SUBSEQUENTLY TAKES THE STAND.

The jury having been called, Mr. Fullerton said: If your Honor please, I desire to examine Mr. Redpath somewhat further this morning.

The Court—Yes; is he present?

Mr. Fullerton—Yes, Sir.

The Court—Call him.

Mr. Fullerton called Mr. Redpath, who took his seat in the witness stand.

Q.—Mr. Redpath, I show you the letter which you had in your hand yesterday afternoon, and I ask you whether you had an interview with Mr. Beecher just prior to the writing of that letter? A.—On the evening before.

Mr. Beach and Mr. Fullerton—A little louder, please.

Witness—On the evening before.

Q.—And can you fix the date of that conversation? A.—I can do it in this way: I called at Mr. Tilton's on Sunday, on the day following that in which Elizabeth left him; on the next day I was at Peekskill, Monday, and on Tuesday afternoon I had another interview with Mr. Beecher at his house; on the same evening I returned to Boston, and then I wrote that letter on the following morning; it was—

Mr. Evarts—Was this in Brooklyn? A.—In Brooklyn.

Q.—Now can you give the date of the letter you wrote in Boston? A.—It has no date at all.

Q.—By referring to the month, can you tell the date or approximate to it? A.—I approximate to it in this way: You know the date on which Elizabeth left her home; it was in the Summer, in July.

Q.—It was in July, 1874. A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—I call attention, now, Mr. Redpath, to the interview with Mr. Beecher at Peekskill. Do I understand you to say that that was on Monday? A.—In order to explain that I suppose I ought to state my interview with Theodore Tilton and Frank Moulton on Sunday.

Mr. Fullerton—That would not be admissible, I suppose, Mr. Redpath, so you will confine yourself to the interview with Mr. Beecher.

Mr. Beach—State what was said to Mr. Beecher in regard to it.

Mr. Fullerton—Certainly he can detail that interview, or any part of it he remembers; he can state it.

Witness—I went to Peekskill on Monday afternoon, charged with a message from Theodore Tilton and Frank Moulton.

THE CONVERSATION WITH MR. BEECHER.

Mr. Evarts—Never mind about that now; tell us what you said to Mr. Beecher.

Witness—Yes, Sir; I went there, and I had an interview with Mr. Beecher in his study at Peekskill; he was seated at his table; I went forward, and I asked him if he was prepared to talk business; I went on business; he said, "Try me;" just at that time he was called out of the room by some one, and as he went out I turned round in my chair, and without intending to do so I saw a telegram, which I read at a glance; that determined me to deliver the message that Theodore Tilton and Frank Moulton had committed to me; the telegram said—

Mr. Evarts—No matter about that.

Mr. Beach—Don't mind that.

Witness—I said, "Mr. Beecher, would you like to know what that business is?"—the telegram referred to business and was from a lawyer; I then told him I had spent Monday with Theodore, Elizabeth, and Frank; that I saw Theodore at his house in the morning, Elizabeth about noon, and Frank and Theodore together at Tilton's in the evening. Now can I describe that conversation?

Q.—Now tell what occurred between you and Mr. Beecher, as you remember it? A.—I said that in the morning I went to see Theodore and found him alone in the back room lying on the lounge, and I went forward and struck him and said, "Hailo, Theodore;" he did not notice that I had entered. I suppose I told all this to Mr. Beecher.

Mr. Evarts—It is only what you told Mr. Beecher that you are at liberty to tell here.

Mr. Fullerton—It is all that I ask.

Mr. Evarts—And it is all that you can ask, and that he can give; if you have no knowledge that you said it or not, you will not give it.

Witness—I don't remember how much of the occurrence I told Mr. Beecher.

Mr. Evarts—It is only what you do remember you can state.

Witness—Well, I said after describing the interview—I think I said, "Theodore says he is going to charge you with adultery with Elizabeth, extending over two or three years."

Mr. Beach—Speak a little louder, Mr. Redpath.

Witness—I said "Theodore says he is going to charge you with committing adultery with Elizabeth, extending over two or three years;" then I think I described the scene—

Mr. Beach—Give us the description which you gave him.

Witness—I am a little embarrassed; I don't remember how much of that conversation I related to Mr. Beecher.

Mr. Fullerton—Tell us according to your best recollection what you have related to Mr. Beecher? A.—I told him—I think I told him that Theodore asked me—after I slapped him in that way, he sprang up and greeted me very cordially and said, "James, I am glad to see you; tell me how to fight this battle."

Q.—Who said this? A.—Theodore.

Mr. Evarts—Did you tell it to Mr. Beecher? A.—I think I did, Sir; I think I did; I did not—and after some further conversation—because I am not sure that I related that to Mr. Beecher—he said, "Do you know how bad this case is?" I said "No; I know what you have always told me." "Well," he said, "it is adultery, going over two or three years." I think I then told him I saw Elizabeth at Mr. Overdon's—[the witness, doubtless, meant Ovington's]—in the forenoon, and in the afternoon Frank Moulton came to Theodore's, and then I am very sure that I described the scene there.

Mr. Evarts—Well, unless you did—unless you remember that you told him—

Mr. Fullerton (interrupting)—Well, he says he is very sure he did.

The Witness—I am not going to swear to what I do not positively remember; I think I did.

Mr. Fullerton—Then go on and describe it.

The Witness—Theodore was lying on the lounge, Frank was sitting near the fire-place, and I was sitting at the end of the lounge; Theodore said, "Redpath"—No, Theodore said "Redpath is going up to see Mr. Beecher to-morrow;" Frank said "Is he? What are you going up about?"—to me; I said I was going up to try to get Mr. Beecher to arrange about a lecture; Theodore said, "Tell him that I am going to charge adultery;" Frank said, "No, don't, Redpath;" I said, "I am not a fool, Frank; that will be a pretty way of introducing a business conversation; I have no intention of telling him that;" Theodore said, "Yes, you had better tell him;" at this time Frank had risen and was walking uneasily about the room, and suddenly he stopped before the—before us, and said, "Theodore was mad at me yesterday for saying that I loved Mr. Beecher more—;" then he stopped, caught himself and said, "As much as I loved you—I don't care a damn, but much as I love both of them, Redpath, I will smite either of them to the earth"—or, "to the ground"—"if either one of them attempt to crucify the other; tell Mr. Beecher that." "No, I won't," I said; he said, "Yes, you had better tell him;" he said, "Take that message to him." I said, "Frank, you seem to forget that"—

Mr. Evarts (interrupting)—All this you told Mr. Beecher?

The Witness (hesitating)—

Mr. Evarts (repeating)—All this you told Mr. Beecher, we understand; otherwise it has no place in your evidence.

The Witness—I beg your pardon, Sir; I'm not sure.

Mr. Evarts—Well, how far back is this narrative—

The Witness (interrupting)—I think I did, but I am not sure about it.

Mr. Fullerton—Is it the best of your recollection you told Mr. Beecher these messages? A.—Yes, Sir; it is the best of my recollection.

Mr. Fullerton—Very well; then we will take it.

The Witness (continuing)—Then Frank said—I said to him, "You forget I have never spoken to Mr. Beecher on this subject, and I certainly should not introduce it." He said, "You will find him ready enough to talk of that subject." I remember they then went to prepare that note that Frank Moulton sent with me.

Q.—Now, tell us if that is all, and what Mr. Beecher replied, if anything, to this communication of yours.

Mr. Beach—And what further you said to him.

BEECHER ADMITTED HAVING GIVEN THEODORE CAUSE FOR OFFENSE.

The Witness—When I was telling this, as nearly as I remember, we were sitting very close together, and he—as near as I am to this gentleman [indicating a reporter immediately at his right]—and he was fixing his eye upon me—and I said I was exceedingly nervous and tired and faint, and I said "Don't fix your eye upon me, Mr. Beecher; I cannot think;" he withdrew a little and rested his hand on the table. He began, after I had got through, "Well, I suppose you know all that Theodore has had to say on this subject?" I said yes, I had known him two or three years. I had read the "true story." He said, I think, at that time, or later in the conversation—I think at that time, however—"Yes, he is probably very glad that Elizabeth tore that up." I said, "I have got a copy of that somewhere;" it occurred to me that I had; I had forgotten all about it until that remark. I do not remember the intermediate conversation. I think I said something then, but I cannot recall it. He went on: "I do not deny that I have given Theodore cause for offense"—or "just cause." I do not remember the words. I had told him—I had told him that Frank wanted him to do something—something about a card that I have forgotten about—"but I shall be a party to it no further—the matter is out of my hands now; I have put it in the hands of the committee—a committee composed of men"—I do not recall his language, but the substance was this that he had put it in the hands of men of high character, who could not afford by their social position to be influenced at all to bring in any verdict otherwise than in accordance with the facts; that he had left them absolutely free—given no instructions whatever; then he described one or two of the men; I did not know the men, and therefore the descriptions made no impression—have left no impression upon my mind; he said, "If, in accordance with the facts and truth and honor, they find a verdict of acquittal, I shall go on; if there is the slightest or least censure, I shall resign my pastorate in twenty-four hours, but I shall be a party to no further compact—to no further compact that depends on the truthfulness, honor, good faith, or magnanimity of Theodore Tilton; he is a scoundrel!" He said—the language I cannot recall, but this was the substance—that in this affair there had been a dozen crises—that whenever there was the least show, the least indication that the scandal was ceased—would cease—Theodore was sure to do something to revive it; he gave one or two instances, but I only remember the "Letter to a Complaining Friend;" then he said, "But Frank, I think, is my friend;" there was—it was pronounced as if in an interrogation; I said "Yes, Sir; I have no doubt of that;" "No," he said, "I should have to revise (or reverse) my theories of human nature, if Frank Moulton should prove false, or prove a traitor"—prove false, I think, was the word. Then he went on to talk very rapidly, with a great deal of emotion, with tears in his eyes part of the time; said that he had all his life tried to do good to his kind; that he loved his kind, and that his—he had certainly never put ambition above any man; that his ambition—his natural ambition—had been in life that perhaps after he was dead he might leave something that would be (I do not remember the words, the idea was) a consolation to the—to those in sorrow; that for four years the window—

Q.—A little louder, please, Mr. Redpath. A.—That for four years the windows of his soul or heart had been closed—the shutters closed, the blinds drawn down—though that part occurred—I am wrong, I mistake; that part—

Mr. Evarts—Strike that out.

MR. BEECHER RECEIVING PROOFS OF GOOD-WILL.

The Witness—Yes, Sir. He said further—he said about that time that he had been—that in this furnace that he had gone through, or affliction, (I do not remember the words,) that he had been very much touched by receiving so many proofs of the good-will of his countrymen.

Mr. Fullerton—A little louder, Mr. Redpath. A.—That he had received hundreds of letters from all parts of the country and from people in all conditions of life expressing their sympathy for him in his trial, and that only two or three of them were of an insulting character. He said what made it more touching to him was that so many of them, or the majority of them, I don't remember which, were written as if the writers believed that there was somewhere some truth in the stories against him; that he was particularly touched—he pointed to a bag, I think—a large number of letters—but he said there was one letter he had received from a clergyman in New-York—an Episcopal clergyman, I think—that was particularly grateful to him; he looked for it, and went out of the room and brought it back and read it to me—read part of it. Well, we went on talking until dinner; we went in, though I remember an instance during—

Q.—A little louder. You drop your voice, and the jury won't hear your voice. A.—During this part of the conversation—during this conversation three of his little grandchildren came to the window and cried "Grandpa," and he went—he rose and went to a closet and brought out three oranges, and said some pleasant word—I remember the control of his face—and threw out to them, and they went away. We went to dinner, and he retired before the dessert; after awhile, staying in the middle room, I went in, and he was lying on the bed, and his aspect had entirely changed; he looked up, with laughing eyes; I said, "What are you reading, Mr. Beecher?" and he said, "Oh, I am reading one of Dumas' novels; whenever I get bothered and tired I go to one of those and forget myself." That is all that I recall of the conversation. No; in the course of this conversation, talking about Theodore, he said: "Oh, yes, his woes are such—his woes are such—and his woes are such as money could assuage." That, and calling Theodore a scoundrel, were the only bitter remarks he made in the whole conversation.

Q.—Did he say anything in that conversation about making a statement? A.—No, Sir.

THE NEXT CONVERSATION WITH MR. BEECHER.

Q.—Now, when did you see him next? A.—Well, we went down in the cars to go—Mrs. Beecher was with us, also went down—and Mrs. Beecher left at the depot. We rode down in the horse cars together, and he talked nearly all the way down on the platform, and the only part of the conversation that I remember was his reference to the Woodhull scandal, or to his interview with Mrs. Woodhull at Tilton's. I think he said he had only met her twice; that he went down one day and saw her at Tilton's, and she was all smiles. He said, "Let me show you," and he took both of my hands in his, and shook them that way, [illustrating,] and imitated a sentimental woman very funnily, and said that she evidently expected him to talk about the scandal, but he made some commonplace remarks and left. Then I went down, and he introduced me to Mr. Cleveland, and that is all that I had with Mr. Beecher that I remember.

Q.—Did you have an interview with him at his house in Brooklyn? A.—I went over and stopped at Theodore's, and next morning I was feeling so badly about the whole case, and Theodore's determination to prosecute it, that I thought I would go and see Frank Carpenter—

Q.—Just omit that, because we cannot put that in evidence. Did you see Mr. Beecher, at his suggestion, and Mr. Cleveland? A.—I went to see Mr. Beecher at his house; I went there, I think, about 3 o'clock, and did not see him until—for an hour or an hour and a half afterward; he was up stairs asleep; then we went down to tea: in the parlor I asked him if nothing could be done to stop this; he placed his hand on my knee, and said, "That is all right now," or something like that; "I have made up my mind;" we went down to tea, and after tea he took me into the garden, or yard, and went to the front part; he talked a little about the cellars, a minute, or the vaults underneath, and in going back he said—I forget the remark I made that led to it; he said, "I was with some of my friends until 2 o'clock this morning, and my mind was not clear."

MR. BEECHER SAID HE'D MAKE A CLEAN BREAST OF IT.

Q.—Speak a little bit louder. A.—"But when I woke this morning I saw my way clear; I shall make a clean breast of it; I shall tell the whole truth; I shall take the whole blame on myself; I shall vindicate Theodore and Elizabeth." I said, "Well, Mr. Beecher, without any reference to what the truth is, I am very glad of it." Then he asked me something about the effect that would—or what effect the scandal would have on lecturing; I don't know how the question was phrased; I think then I repeated that without any reference to what the truth was, he would find a stronger and better class of friends around him than he had ever had before. By that time we were in the entry, and he simply said in going up, "I shall always feel very grateful for your sympathy;" I then left the house, and finding I had not time to see Theodore—

Q.—Well, is that the end of your interview with Mr. Beecher? A.—That is the end of the interview.

Q.—Did you see Mr. Beecher after that? A.—I think I didn't see Mr. Beecher after that until I saw him at the White Mountains; I think three times I saw him further.

DID MR. BEECHER DENY THE COMMISSION OF ADULTERY?

Q.—Now, Mr. Redpath, I ask you this question: Whether at the interview at Peekskill, of which you have spoken, or at the interview at Brooklyn, of which you have also spoken, Mr. Beecher denied the commission of adultery?

Mr. Evarts—I object to that question, if your Honor please. He has told us all that he said, and has told us all that was said by him, the witness, that led to any answers of any kind; and this witness has no such relation toward Mr. Beecher as that there should be behind in his knowledge and Mr. Beecher's consciousness of his knowledge anything that does not appear in the conversation detailed. The question may be a harmless one, but the legal right to put it is the question we are now discussing.

The Court—I think we will take it, Sir, in cross-examination.

Mr. Evarts—Your Honor will please note our exception. This is not a conversation as to any interview that was here introduced.

The Court—Yes. Repeat your question.

Mr. Fullerton—Please repeat it, Mr. Stenographer.

Mr. Evarts—Of course we have all that was said. Now, whether in that he denied, or whether in the conversation proceeding from either party or interchanged between them, there was any occasion for denial, is apparent on the complexion and statement of the conversation. This is their own interview, that they bring in evidence, not a cross-examination concerning any interview that we have touched upon. Now, they propose to ask a question which, on the general rules of evidence, is not admissible. It would answer for a cross-examination on our part, if the situation were reversed.

Mr. Porter—Will your Honor permit me to add that the inquiry is as to the construction by the witness of the language he has given. That is a matter for the jury. We shall insist that in the language he has given there is the clearest and the most emphatic denial of adultery. If he is permitted to give a construction, and it should be adverse to ours, what are we to call upon? He has told all that was said, and who made Mr. Redpath, a juror in this case, to determine the issue that belongs to those twelve? Is he to say whether certain words which he has repeated do or do not constitute a denial? He never charged Mr. Beecher with adultery; Mr. Beecher was not called upon to deny any such charge from him; all that he said is given; all that Mr. Beecher has said has been repeated to the jury. It is for them to determine whether it was an admission or denial of the foul accusation imputed to him by Tilton, transmitted by Moulton—a cunning, false, treacherous message, and for a business purpose—to extort money.

The Court—The question is quite relevant to ask him if anything was said—anything more said upon a given subject—which is a common form of interrogatory.

Mr. Porter—Well, we don't object.

The Court—It is equivalent to that, although it is in a different form.

Mr. Fullerton—Questions of like character have been put by counsel on the other side, and answers have been given to them.

Mr. Beach—Under our objection.

Mr. Fullerton—Yes; under our objection.

Mr. Evarts—Now, if your Honor says that this is equivalent to the form you approve, then we would like to have the question put in that form.

Mr. Fullerton—Well, I don't propose to fashion my question to please my adversary.

Mr. Evarts—No; but the Judge.

Mr. Fullerton—No. His Honor says it is equivalent—now we put the equivalent.

The Court—In effect, it is equivalent. Now, I will allow the witness to answer the question. Of course, I concur with Judge Porter that this whole matter goes to the jury for their construction; and I have not now, and shall not have occasion to express an opinion myself about it. It is not my practice to do it.

Mr. Fullerton—Now, Mr. Reporter, will you be kind enough to read the question as it was put?

The Stenographer read the question as follows:

"Now, Mr. Redpath, I ask you this question: Whether at the interview at Peekskill, of which you have spoken, or at the interview at Brooklyn, of which you have also spoken, Mr. Beecher denied the commission of adultery?"

A.—No, Sir; I didn't ask him, because I didn't believe it.

Mr. Fullerton—I move to strike that out.

The Court—Let it all stand.

Mr. Porter—I insist upon its remaining.

Mr. Fullerton—I didn't ask him for his opinion.

The Court—I know you didn't, but we will let it stand.

Q.—You had, however, conveyed to him the message that he was charged with adultery? A.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. Porter—He has sworn to it.

Mr. Fullerton—He has sworn to it again.

Mr. Porter—I object to his swearing to it again.

Mr. Fullerton—You are too late; he has sworn to it.

Q.—Have you given the reply that Mr. Beecher made when you said he was to be charged with adultery? A.—As nearly as I can recall it, Sir; it—

Q.—That is an answer. The conversation at Brooklyn, do I understand you correctly, was after the conversation at Peekskill? A.—Yes, Sir. The conversation at Peekskill occurred about noon, or 1 o'clock, on Monday; the conversation at Brooklyn occurred on the afternoon of Tuesday.

Q.—The allegation, then, of Mr. Beecher that he should vindicate Theodore and Elizabeth, and take all the blame upon himself, was after you had conveyed to him the message that he was to be charged with adultery? A.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. Evarts—This gentleman [a juror] asks what date these interviews were; I think you fixed them as soon after the 11th of July.

Mr. Beach—The

land? A.—In Manchester, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Liverpool, and London.

Q.—And all these orations had to do with the public situation of our affairs here and the war? A.—They did.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH CONGREGATION.

Q.—How large is the congregation and how large a number of church members in Plymouth Church now—about? A.—I cannot speak with positiveness, Sir; but I should say the congregation is limited only by the building, and has been so for twenty-five years; the number of communicants is, I suppose, over 2,500—between 2,500 and 3,000.

Q.—And for how long has that number or a similar number been upon the list of your church members? A.—I could not say definitely, Sir; it has been over 2,000, I suppose, for over ten years or more.

Q.—What are and have been your habitual labors as a clergyman in the direct charge of this church and congregation? A.—I have preached morning and afternoon, and conducted for a series of years a Wednesday night lecture, a Friday night prayer-meeting, and what was called the social circle or social meeting of the church.

Q.—Where was the latter held? A.—In the parlors of the church.

Q.—And more recently have your services there been reduced in amount? A.—The social meeting I have remitted to the charge of the young people.

Q.—For how far back? A.—Oh, I should say for fifteen years.

Q.—The Wednesday evening lecture? A.—The Wednesday evening lecture I dropped, I think, not far—I think I dropped it just before the time of the war; I may be inaccurate about that; I have no special memory of it.

HIS LITERARY EMPLOYMENTS.

Q.—Now, within the period of your service as a clergyman here what other public or literary employments have you had? A.—I have been connected with journalism ever since I was in the pulpit; I have been connected with the New-York *Independent*; after my first year, not as a member of the staff, but as a contributer, having a column of my own; that was the understanding.

Q.—And furnished a paper for every issue of that paper? A.—Yes, Sir; I furnished an article for every issue of that paper; we had a contract arrangement [afterward, in 1870, I took charge of the *Christian Union*.

Q.—We will first go on with the time when you became editor of the *Independent*. A.—Yes, Sir; I think it was—I am not definite—I think it was the latter part of 1860 or the early part of 1861; the editors that had conducted the *Independent*—Dr. Bacon, Dr. Storrs, and Rev. Dr. Thompson—resigned; I then made an arrangement with Mr. Bowen to conduct the paper editorially.

Q.—And up to what time did you continue the responsible and chief editor of that paper? A.—Until the Fall of 1863, and the nominal editor until the Fall of 1864, I think, Sir, and a contributer from that time.

Q.—And up to what time thereafter did you continue to be a contributer? A.—Until the Fall of 1866.

Q.—A constant contributor—a regular contributor? A.—I cannot praise myself for constancy in that regard, Sir, but it would be considered a regular contributor.

Q.—A regular contributor? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—And then your connection ceased? A.—My connection ceased then, Sir.

Q.—Your connection ceased with that paper in 1866? A.—In 1866.

Q.—And in the interval between your assuming the editorship of the *Christian Union* had you any connection—any responsible connection with any public newspaper? A.—No, Sir; there was a movement set on foot by the Congregational brethren to establish a journal, which, in view of other arrangements that were already in prosecution, was dropped as these others were; I declined to take any position that would seem to put me in antagonism with the *Independent*.

Q.—And how did your connection come about with the *Christian Union* when it did take place? A.—The *Christian Union* was called in its issue the *Christian Union*, a paper that was founded to bring all Christian churches together on one foundation, with the understanding they were—

Mr. Beach (interrupting)—One moment, Mr. Beecher.

Mr. Evarts—It is not necessary to go into detail; that was the purpose of the—

Mr. Beecher (interrupting)—That paper passed into the hands of an intimate friend of mine at a time when I was under contract to write the *Life of Christ*. He came to me at Peekskill and declared—

Mr. Beach (interrupting)—I think these details are inadmissible, Sir.

Mr. Evarts—It is not necessary at all.

[To Witness]—You were advised to— A.—I was advised to take it but declined, except conditionally at a future time, but circumstances arose which forced me to that position in the year 1870.

Q.—And how early in that year? A.—January.

Q.—Now, when you took that paper, what was the extent of its subscription or circulation? A.—Said to be 3,000, but it probably had 600 to 1,000 bona fide paying subscribers.

Q.—Only? A.—Yes; that is my impression. I never saw the book; that was what was told me.

Q.—Very well. Now, during the first year—and I am limiting all inquiries now to a period anterior to December, 1870—during the first year, to what extent had the circulation of this *Christian Union* increased? A.—I cannot give you the exact figures; it was over 30,000.

Q.—Over 30,000? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Besides your services as a clergyman, having a charge, and these editorial services, during the period of your residence in Brooklyn, have you had other literary labor? A.—I have, if you include lecturing as literary labor.

Q.—Well, what has been your habit in that regard—as a lecturer? A.—I have been a very large lecturer from—

Q.—Well, during a considerable period of years? A.—From the second year of my settlement here; I began in 1849 to lecture—I think in the Winter of 1848 and 1849; I lectured for the Mercantile Library Association, of Boston, and got $25 for it.

Q.—From that time until about when? A.—From that time until this; until this trial began I have been lecturing, principally Autumn, Winter, and Spring, seldom in Summer.

Mr. Evarts—Looking a letter in his hand)—Will an officer pass this to Judge Neilson?

To the Court—Here is a letter from a gentleman asking to be introduced in court, if your Honor please.

Judge Neilson—Officer, hand it here if you please.

Mr. Evarts—It is addressed either to your Honor or myself.

Judge Neilson—It is very proper to give it to you first, Sir.

Mr. Evarts (to Mr. Beecher)—I lost your answer, Mr. Beecher.

Mr. Beecher—I have lost your question. [Laughter.]

Mr. Evarts—Well, I suppose the stenographer has it. [To the stenographer]—You may read the last answer.

The stenographer (reading)—"Well, from that time until about when? A.—From that time until this—until this trial began, I have been lecturing, principally Autumn, Winter, and Spring; seldom in Summer."

HIS VACATIONS.

Mr. Evarts—Yes. During this period of your settlement over the Plymouth Church, has there been any regular interval of vacations, and, if so, at what part of the year and for what period—what length of time? A.—My contract with the church calls for the month of August as my vacation; that has, however, been extended, first, by the fact that I am subject to hay fever, which comes on in the middle of August, and I seldom get so far free from it as to be fit to preach until toward the last of September; and gradually, in the course of circumstances, my vacation extended from the 1st of August until the middle of September; within the last five years, perhaps, the church, by special vote from year to year, has enlarged my vacation, sometimes sending me off in the middle of July until the 1st of October, or as the case might be.

Q.—Yes; and for what period of time have you had a fixed country residence for some part of the year? A.—I should say sixteen or seventeen years; not in the same place always.

Q.—No; how long has it been at Peekskill? A.—I should say thirteen or fourteen years.

Q.—Are your vacations passed at Peekskill, for the most part? A.—Just as much of them as I can get there.

Q.—And then, when the hay fever comes on, have you any fixed habit of seeking other places? A.—Until the last four years I have stayed there only; within the last four years I have gone to the White Mountains.

Q.—Mr. Beecher—When were you married?—oh, I beg pardon, I have not got through with the literary labors. The lecturing we disposed of.

Mr. Beecher—I omitted to state—

Mr. Evarts—Have you been an editor of public works—books?

Mr. Beecher—Will you allow me to correct by an addition? I ought to have included in answer to your question about lecturing that I have, particularly in 1856, I think, by vote of my church, been sent, free, as much as I thought it to be necessary, to go into the field and lecture on politics; and that, during all those stormy times immediately preceding, or from the time of, the Kansas troubles, I was in the habit of making many political speeches, and preaching not a few political sermons.

MR. BEECHER AS AN AUTHOR.

Q.—Well, now, as to the authorship of books, Mr. Beecher? A.—I have been a very voluminous author; I think there are about thirty-five volumes that stand in my name now.

Q.—All dating from within the period of your residence in Brooklyn? A.—No.

Q.—Some before? A.—Some before.

Q.—When was your engagement in reference to the work—the *Life of Christ*—when was that undertaken? A.—I think that was undertaken in the year eighteen hundred and—I have got a memorandum of dates, if the gentlemen will allow me to look at it.

Judge Neilson—You are at liberty to look at it.

Mr. Beecher—I will submit my memorandum, as it covers pretty largely the whole ground, to your inspection, gentlemen, if you wish to see it.

Mr. Beach—There is no desire for it, Sir.

Mr. Beecher then produced a memorandum from his pocket, and, after looking at it, said: "I signed the contract for the *Life of Christ* in December, 1867. The first volume was issued in the Fall of—in December, 1871."

Q.—Did the preparation of that work occupy your time and attention and studies to any definite or appreciable extent during this period? A.—Very largely, Sir.

Q.—And the work is still incomplete. A.—Yes, Sir. The first volume is published, the second volume is two-thirds done, but not published.

Q.—Now, when did you write your work of fancy, *Norwood*? A.—That preceded this, Sir. It was—appeared in the *Ledger* in 1867, and in a book-form in 1868.

MR. BEECHER'S MARRIAGE.

Q.—Now, Mr. Beecher, when were you married? A.—The same year that I was settled—in 1837, I think it is, Sir.

Q.—For how long a period before your marriage had you been acquainted with your affianced bride? A.—Half as long as the patriarch with his two; I had been engaged to her for seven years. [Laughter.]

Q.—And how long—and how old were you when you were married? A.—I think I was twenty-three; I am not good at figures.

Q.—What was your wife's age at that time? A.—What, Sir.

Q.—What was your wife's age at that time? A.—I think she was twenty-three also; part of the year she is twenty-four when I am twenty-three, and the rest of the year we are the same age. [Laughter.]

Q.—So that your engagement dates from the early age of sixteen or thereabouts? A.—I was engaged, I think, when I was SIX—between sixteen and seventeen.

Q.—You were in college then? A.—I was in college, Sir; I think I was a Freshman.

Q.—How many children, Mr. Beecher, have you had under this marriage? A.—I have four—I have four with me and five waiting for me.

Q.—And now how many grandchildren have you? A.—Eight.

Q.—During the period of your marriage has there been any intervals of absence or separation between yourself and your wife except those that you have named of going to Europe? A.—Except when I have been gone to Europe or out on lecturing tours.

Q.—And of late years has your wife had occasion to visit the South in reference to her health? A.—Yes, Sir; yes, Sir; for—since—I think since the Winter of 1870 or 1871.

Q.—Since the Winter of 1870-71? A.—1870 or 1871; I don't remember exactly in which it began.

Q.—Every Winter? A.—What, Sir.

Q.—Has she been gone South every Winter until now? A.—Until this Winter, yes, Sir.

Q.—While you were at Indianapolis was there any occasion when your wife went to Connecticut in consequence of sickness? A.—Not to Connecticut; she went back to her home.

Q.—In Massachusetts? A.—In Sutton, Mass.

Q.—And with those exceptions there has been no—

Q.—I don't recall any, Sir.

Q.—[Continued]—Interval or break in your residence together under the same roof? I don't recall any.

DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

Q.—In regard to the conduct of domestic affairs, Mr. Beecher, what was the habit of your life in respect to your wife or yourself having charge of that? A.—From a very early period, I remitted to her almost entirely my secular affairs; so much so that until within two years, since my son came to live with me, (who was in business,) I never even drew my own salary.

Q.—Your wife drew it? A.—All checks were made out to her, and all the treasurer's accounts were "Mrs. Beecher, debtor;" and I knew neither what money came in nor what money went out, so far as my salary was concerned.

Q.—Until within a recent period was your wife's health and strength sufficient for all occasions? A.—She had for her poor health, but it was with a strength and an amount of purpose that gave her in effect the strength of ten women; and until an accident which befel her, namely, being thrown from a runaway team against the stone steps of the bank in Brooklyn, she was in every respect, I always thought, sound and efficient far beyond the measure of ordinary women.

Q.—What was your habit in regard to your correspondence being known to or managed in any respect or any degree by Mrs. Beecher during this period? A.—Well, in the earlier period of my life I had a very sensitive feeling in regard to the sacredness of letters; I would never open my children's letters nor suffer anybody else to do it; I never would open hers, neither did I wish her to open mine; but within the last fifteen years correspondence has so multiplied, and I grew careless through over-occupation, that that little by little passed into her charge, and for the last fifteen years, if I was gone, or if there was any reason why perhaps somebody might suffer, she has always opened my letters, and to a very considerable degree answered them; if there were any about which she had any doubt, she waited till I came home.

HIS PERSONAL VISITS AND INTERCOURSE WITH HIS PARISHIONERS.

Q.—Mr. Beecher, during your settlement here what has been your habit in regard to personal visits or intercourse with your parish at large, or with any narrower circle among your parishioners, or among other residents of Brooklyn? A.—In my earlier years I attempted a good deal of visiting; as outside demands wasted my time I made arrangements by which I could be seen at my house or at my church by whomsoever wished; still subsequent to that I found it impossible either to visit or to receive multitudinous calls; and for the last twenty years I may say that, with the exception of weddings and funerals, I have done very little visiting; now and then a paroxysm of visitation, but in general it may be said I am not a visiting preacher.

Q.—Has there been a circle of intimacies between your family and other families of your congregation, of your Brooklyn neighbors? A.—Yes, Sir; I was cautioned against that, but I always stood by my rights on that subject; I have always said that because I was a minister I was not one whit the less a gentleman or a Christian, and would have my circle of my enjoyment, I didn't care who was jealous or who made remarks.

Q.—These intimacies, were they with the home families, and with your own family. Almost in every case were these intimacies entirely or principally confined to families of your own parish? A.—I think with but a single exception.

Q.—Had you intimacies with any family of your brother clergymen in the— A.—That is the exception—Dr. Storrs' family.

Q.—Otherwise, these intimacies were in your parish? A.—Altogether.

Q.—During all this time these family intimacies were confined to your parish? A.—Yes, Sir.

HIS ACQUAINTANCE WITH PUBLIC MEN.

Q.—During this time have you had a large personal acquaintance with men engaged in public affairs, or in the affairs of religion and the Church? A.—Do you mean in the nation at large?

Q.—Yes, in the community at large. A.—Yes, I have made very many; I have not formed particular intimacies, but acquaintance with many.

Q.—Has your correspondence been extensive? A.—I should say not, if I should judge from my impression; but if they should begin to hunt up my letters, I presume it would be found that I had.

Q.—Now, during the last twenty years, Mr. Beecher, what has been the average of public occasions in which you have spoken, during the period not embraced in the vacation? A.—I don't understand the last remark.

Q.—During, say, running back to the time twenty years ago, what has been the average number per week of your public appearances during the times of the year not embraced in the vacation? A.—I should say that from the year 1844 until the year 1873 I have averaged about six times full-grown addresses a week.

Q.—That means two on Sunday and four during the week? A.—Yes; oftentimes two a day in different periods.

HIS ACQUAINTANCE WITH HENRY C. BOWEN.

Q.—When did you first come to be acquainted with Mr. Henry C. Bowen? A.—In the year 1847, if that was the year when I came to Brooklyn.

Q.—And what relation had he to the religious society, to the charge of which you were then called? A.—He was one of the constituent members and leading men.

Q.—Leading man of the— A.—Nascent church.

Q.—The new project? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Had you any business relations with him, and in what connection otherwise than as Pastor of the church of which he is a leading member? A.—In connection with the *Independent*, and, in one instance, in connection with the equipping of a regiment, which Plymouth Church substantially did.

Q.—At the outset of the war? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Was Mr. Bowen the proprietor or part proprietor of the *Independent* during the whole period of your responsible connection with it? A.—He was co-proprietor during the early period; but when I took editorial charge I think he had become the sole proprietor.

Q.—And so continued until— A.—This time.

Q.—Until this time, as you understood? A.—As I am informed.

Q.—Were you intimate associates and friends, and if so, for what period of time? A.—The first two weeks I came to Brooklyn I was the guest of his house; and subsequently to that we worked hand in hand for years together in the establishment of Plymouth Church, he more than any other one man being useful in the fiscal affairs of the church.

Q.—During the period of your connection as editor of the paper of which he was proprietor, how close and familiar was your intercourse? A.—I saw him almost every day, and I may be said to have been very intimate with him.

Q.—And in his family? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—And his family in yours? A.—Not so much.

Q.—When was your connection with any joint interest with Mr. Bowen dissolved, and in what manner? A.—Do you mean when my business relations with him ceased?

Q.—Yes. A.—I should say in Sept—I gave notice, according to contract, of the end of the contract in September, 1866.

Q.—Prior to that time had any attitude of that paper toward yourself made a difference in your disposition toward Mr. Bowen and the newspaper? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—What was that? A.—Well, do you ask me what led me finally to break up from the paper?

Q.—Yes. I ask what situation arose between the paper and yourself that led to the dissolution of your connection? A.—During the period of these construction measures, as they were called, and after I had left the *Independent* as editor, it pursued a line which obliged it to criticise me with more or less decision, and in 1866, when I wrote the "Cleveland letter," (as it is called.)—it was written in August, 1866—the *Independent* criticised me in a manner so severe, at a time when the whole public very much, with the exception of the Democratic Party, were down on me, that I felt that a paper that I had helped fashion from its birth was now being used to destroy me, and that I could not, with self-respect, maintain my connection with it; I terminated it, therefore, and gave notice of termination according to contract, and left.

Q.—At that point what was the form and extent of your connection with the publication? A.—I was under contract to furnish one sermon a week, and I do not remember precisely, but I have an imdression that I was also to furnish an article a week, either editorial or "star articles," as they were called; I am not positive as to that last, but that is my impression.

Q.—And that was a definite contract, with pecuniary compensation? A.—It was.

Q.—And you dissolved it? A.—It was terminated according to the terms laid down in the contract.

Q.—Now, from that time onward, Mr. Beecher, what were your personal relations with Mr. Bowen—onward to 1870—December, 1870—the questions that I put now have reference to that period? A.—What now—

Q.—After your dissolution of the connection with him, what were your personal relations with Mr. Bowen up to December, 1870? A.—Well, Sir, they were very much diminished, and there was a very considerable degree of coolness.

Q.—Mr. Bowen continued all this time a prominent person in your church? A.—He was a pew-holder in my church; he was not an active man in the church affairs.

Q.—He was a prominent pew-holder? A.—Yes, Sir.

HIS ACQUAINTANCE WITH TILTON.

Q.—Mr. Beecher, when and how did you first form the acquaintance of Mr. Tilton? A.—I recollect him, if I recollect aright, while he was employed on the New-York *Observer*; if I recollect aright, I became acquainted with him first in his office of reporter; he was a shorthand reporter.

Q.—And in what connection with yourself did that employment of his bring him into your acquaintance? A.—I do not remember whether he was reporting anything from Plymouth Church pulpit for other papers, but my first recollection is that Daniel Burgess, then a member of my church and a publisher in New-York, procured him to report sermons for him.

Q.—Your sermons? A.—My sermons, he having the intention to publish a volume.

Q.—And was the young man introduced to you in that connection as you understand it? A.—As I remember—I cannot say about the special time of introduction; I have known him so long that it seems as if I had known him always since I have been in Brooklyn; it seems as if it runs back very far to my beginning here.

Q.—And what was his age and position in life at the time that you knew him first? A.—I cannot say what his age was; he was extremely—he was youthful, very youthful, and of an engaging manner and a very comely appearance, and one whose address, I know, won my sympathy from the first.

Q.—Now, from that time onward, in what form and to what degree did you come to be associated with him, in intercourse or employment? A.—I have heard a great deal; I saw him for a year or two before 1860, because he had transferred his relations from the *Observer* to the *Independent*; then I used to see him after that several times a week when I was in town.

Q.—In connection with the *Independent*? A.—In connection with the *Independent*.

Q.—And how were your personal relations? A.—Very cordial.

Q.—On both sides? A.—On both sides.

Q.—How much were you and he in the habit of conferring together in regard to your common interests or his prospects or purposes? A.—Well, we—he was witty and amusing in conversation, and I always chatted with him on such matters before, but I did not come into what may be called very close personal relations till I assumed the management of the paper in 1861; thereafter, for two years or three, we were together almost every day.

Q.—And was this intimacy of companionship as well as of common interests and employments? A.—Well, it was in employment, companionship, and downright loving on my part.

Q.—During all this time, how soon did you become aware of any desire or purpose of his to succeed you in the *Independent*? A.—Succeed or supersede?

Q.—Succeed? A.—Succeed; oh, I do not know; I have an impression that it was my desire that he should, rather than that it was his that he should.

Q.—And you so expressed it? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—And when did you first begin to plan and prepare for that position for him? A.—It was in the year 1863, Sir.

Q.—At that time was he definitely and publicly known as assistant editor? A.—Yes, Sir; oh, yes, Sir; it was one of the conditions on which I agreed to take the paper that he should be my assistant.

Q.—Made by you? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—When and how was the arrangement made by which you were to decline the place entirely and in his favor? A.—When the proposition to send me to Europe come up; my church was desirous that I should go, but it was necessary that I should have the consent of Mr. Bowen, with whom I had a contract, and at that time an arrangement was made between me and Mr. Bowen by which I was to give up to him certain vested rights in regard to that paper, and I was to have the liberty of absence on condition of correspondence with it, and I then also, since we were breaking up the old arrangement, entered into one by which I agreed that if Mr. Tilton would take my place on my return and carry on the paper for a year, my absence being a kind of probationary period of managing it, I would allow my name to stand for a year as nominal editor; then he was to continue the editorship of it under his own name.

Q.—But you withdrew? A.—I withdrew my name as editor: I was not to withdraw my services as editor.

Q.—No. I understand you continued to have certain contracts for literary services, but that determinated that relation? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—This, then, was about—this was 1863 and 1864? A.—Yes, Sir; I returned in the Autumn of 1863, and I was only nominally editor in 1864, though I had a right at any time in 1864 to put whatever I chose into the paper editorially.

Q.—Well, now, prior to this time, Mr. Beecher, had there been an occasion when Mr. Tilton and yourself had come into some competition or collision in public debate? A.—Yes, Sir; in 1864.

Q.—What was that occasion? A.—The occasion was the question in Plymouth Church of whether we should contribute funds to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions—a debate, I think, of three days, terminated I believe, by a general meeting in the church; I do not know but it was two days, or two nights, in the lecture room and the third in the church, but it is unimportant.

Q.—It was an occasion of publicity and interest? A.—Yes, Sir; I could give you a brief statement—

Q.—The general point in controversy was what? A.—The general point in controversy was whether Plymouth Church, which had signalized its devotion to the anti-slavery cause should contribute to the American Foreign Mission Society, which was an Anti-Slavery Mission Society, or should divide contributions its between that society and the American Board, which was then accused of being pro-slavery, or trimming. That gave rise to a very animated discussion among our people, and I did not speak on the subject during the time in church, but in the lecture room I think I did—but not in the church—and I was replied to by Mr. Tilton.

Q.—And on that occasion there was a considerable antagonism between you and Mr. Tilton in views and in their expression? A.—Yes, Sir; nothing that transcended what I see here in court at all.

This reply brought a smile to the faces of counsel, Mr. Evarts and Mr. Beach looking at each other smilingly.

Mr. Beecher—Perfectly kindly feeling, expressed rather positively.

Q.—Now, in this question, on which side were you, and which side Mr. Tilton? A.—Mr. Tilton was in favor of throwing over the American Board; I was in favor of maintaining the right of my people to contribute to it if they wanted to.

Q.—And had your society a habit of contributing to that? A.—That was the old standing board with us, and it was through my grace and favor that the other one ever got its ears inside of the church, for it was a most unpopular thing at that time to pay a cent publicly for abolition purposes.

Mr. Beach—The old standing board was pro-slavery.

Mr. Beecher—It was alleged to be.

Mr. Evarts—Mr. Tilton was on the other side—for exclusive contribution to the new anti-slavery organization? A.—I do not think the debate showed that, Sir; although of course that would be the moral effect. If I recollect aright Mr. Tilton confined himself to saying that the American Board was in complicity with slavery, and, I think, that was the drift of his argument.

Q.—In the matter at that time between you and him? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—What was the result in the church? A.—Oh, the vote was in favor of maintaining the board—the American Board; but both participated in the beneficence of the church.

Q.—Yes.

Mr. Beecher—And the state of things was to be continued by the vote of the church.

Q.—Just as it had been? A.—Yes, Sir; no change.

Q.—The proposition was to cut off the old board, and the resolution was— A.—To continue it.

Q.—As before? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Now, on that occasion, Mr. Beecher, or at or about that time, did you perceive in Mr. Tilton any growing views of superiority on his part to yourself?

Mr. Beach—I object to that.

Witness—No, Sir, I did not believe any such thing as that. It was often said, but I never believed it.

Mr. Beach—I don't think it is proper. No, I don't.

Mr. Evarts—Well, it has all been up in Mr. Tilton's examination.

Mr. Beach—I know you cross-examined him upon the point, but you can't ask this witness' observation or conclusion. We must have instances and facts.

Mr. Evarts—Now, at or about this time—this was about 1860, was it not.

Mr. Shearman—Yes.

INTERRUPTIONS IN TILTON'S INTIMACY.

Mr. Evarts—Did there come to be any interruption of Mr. Tilton's intimacy or visiting at your house? A.—In 1860, during that debate, do you mean?

Q.—About this time. I am not speaking of this in connection with this debate—I am not referring to that; I am only referring to the time of 1860 or 1861. A.—Yes, Sir; I—I can't say that there was any very great interruption, because Mr. Tilton never was very much at my house; it was not a regular resort of his; we met at his house, but somewhat later, and at the office and on the street, in the picture shops, or wherever we had agreed to meet; but—

Q.—Well, did there come to be an occasion or a period after which he ceased entirely to be a visitor or a caller at your house? A.—Yes, Sir; but I can't fix the date of that.

Q.—And from that occasion, or that occurrence, it so continued until—? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q. (continued)—1870, without any renewal of his habits of visiting at your house? A.—Yes, Sir.

AN ACT OF KINDNESS TOWARD MR. BEECHER.

Q.—About this time, early in the war, was there any occasion in which Mr. Tilton performed any act of kindness or friendship to you or your family that specially impressed you, and was—? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Was the occasion of your feeling and expressing gratitude? A.—He was always doing me little kindnesses that were very grateful, but there was one that stood out above all others, and that was very specially valuable to me.

Q.—And that was in reference to your son? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Which has, perhaps, been sufficiently referred to. Did you feel that very much? A.—I did, and I do.

Q.—And did you so express yourself toward him? A—I did, Sir.

Mr. Evarts (to the Court)—It is the hour of adjournment.

The Court—Mr. Rogers, place your men. Gentlemen, please keep your seats till the jury retires.

The jury then retired and the court adjourned for recess.

AFTER RECESS.

The court having reassembled after recess, Mr. Evarts said:

If your Honor please, it is somewhat important for us, in reference to Mr. Cleveland, to have the matter of his testimony finally understood, either by stipulation or by your Honor's order, and we had expected that it was to proceed this afternoon at 5 o'clock. I see that my friend Mr. Morris is not at the moment in court, and I may have to interrupt the witness perhaps when he comes in. Your Honor sees that this afternoon it is desirable—

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Q.—You received it? A.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. Evarts then read as follows:

TILTON TO BEECHER.

MIDNIGHT, BROOKLYN, Nov. 30, 1865.

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher:

MY DEAR FRIEND: Returning home late to-night I cannot go to bed without writing you a letter.

Twice I have been forced to appear as your antagonist before the public—the occasions five years apart. After the first I am sure our friendship, instead of being maimed, was strengthened. After this last, if I may guess your heart by knowing mine, I am sure the old love waxes instead of wanes.

Two or three days ago (I know not how impelled,) I took out of its hiding-place your sweet and precious letter, written to me from England, containing the affectionate message which you wished should live and testify after your death. To-night I have been thinking that in case I should be the first, (which is equally probable,) I ought to leave in your hand my last will and testament of reciprocated love. My friend, from my boyhood up you have been to me what no other man has been—what no other man can be. While I was a student the influence of your mind on mine was greater than all books and all teachers. The intimacy with which you honored me for twelve years has been (next to my wife and family) the chief affection of my life. By you I was baptized—by you married. You are my minister, teacher, father, brother, friend, companion. The debt I owe you I can never pay. My religious life; my intellectual development; my open-door of opportunity for labor; my public reputation; all these, my dear friend, I owe in so great a degree to your own kindness that my gratitude cannot be written in words, but must be expressed only in love.

Then, what hours we have had together! What arm-in-arm wanderings about the streets! What hunts for pictures and books! What mutual revelations and communings! What interminglings of mirth, of tears, of prayers!

The more I think back upon this friendship, the more am I convinced that not your public position, not your fame, not your genius, but just your affection, has been the secret of the bond between us; for whether you had been high or low, great or common, I believe that my heart knowing its mate, would have loved you exactly the same!

Now, therefore, I want to say that if, either long ago or lately, any word of mine, whether spoken or printed, whether public or private, has given you pain, I beg you to blot it from your memory and to write your forgiveness in its place.

Moreover, if I should die leaving you alive, I ask you to love my children for their father's sake, who has taught them to reverence you, and to regard you as the man of men.

One thing more. My religious experiences have never been more refreshing than during the last year. Never before have I had such fair and winning thoughts of the other life. With these thoughts you stand connected in a strange and beautiful way. I believe human friendship outlasts human life. Our friendship is of the earth, earthy; but it shall one day stand uplifted above mortality—safe, without scar or flaw, without a breath to blot or a suspicion to endanger it. Meanwhile, O my friend, may our Father in heaven bless you on the earth, guide you, strengthen you, illumine you, and at last crown you with the everlasting crown.

And now good night, and sweet be your dreams of your unworthy but eternal friend,

THEODORE TILTON.

Mr. Evarts—What is the number, Mr. Shearman?

Mr. Shearman—D 126.

The stenographer marks it accordingly.

Mr. Evarts (to the witness)—From the period onward, from 1866 to the month of December, 1870, Mr. Beecher, what were the habits as to meeting or associating in one another's company between you and Mr. Tilton? A.—Will you mention the dates again?

Q.—From 1866 onward until the month of December, 1870? A.—Well, Sir, we were in quite frequent association up till, perhaps, the year 1870; I met him in New-York; I met him at his own house, and I met him at divers meeting and public occasions.

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Mr. Beach—I think, Sir, that that calls for a judgment from the witness, and that we should have the facts in regard to their intimacy and otherwise without asking the witness to determine the cause of it without giving his estimate of the facts.

The Witness—I will state the facts, Sir.

Mr. Evarts—Subsequent to your becoming an editor of another religious paper, did the circumstances of your intercourse change? A.—I had no connection with him from July, about, until the end of the year; from January to that time I have no recollection about either particular intimacy or the absence of it.

Q.—Yes.

Mr. Fullerton—You speak of 1870?

The Witness—Of the year 1870, Sir.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE.

Mr. Evarts—Now, do you remember, in the Winter of the year 1870, any situation you were brought into with him in regard to the different women's suffrage associations?—or was that in 1869? A.—That was in 1869, Sir.

Q.—1869. Well, how was that matter—these women suffrage societies—in the year 1869? A.—In reference to him and me, or—

Q.—Yes. A.—Or with reference to the societies?

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THE MERCHANTS' MEETING.

WARM INDORSEMENT OF GOV. TILDEN'S CANAL MESSAGE.

THE GREAT GATHERING AT THE PRODUCE EXCHANGE YESTERDAY—THE CITY'S COMMERCE REPRESENTED BY ITS LEADING MERCHANTS—RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED INDORSING THE EFFORTS OF GOV. TILDEN FOR A REFORM IN CANAL MANAGEMENT—LETTERS FROM GOV. TILDEN, EX-GOV. DIX, MAYOR WICKHAM, MR. EVARTS, AND OTHERS—ADDRESSES BY JUDGE PIERREPONT, MR. ORR, MR. BRADFORD L. PRINCE, MR. DODGE, ERASTUS BROOKS, ABRAM S. HEWITT, AND MR. RUGGLES—A COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO PRESENT THE RESOLUTIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE.

The meeting held yesterday at the Produce Exchange to express the indignation of the citizens in respect to the canal frauds, and to indorse the action of the Governor in reference thereto, was unanimous and enthusiastic. Party distinctions were merged, every section of the commercial community was represented, and the speakers were of one accord in denouncing the outrages which have been perpetrated against the commercial and general business interests of the City and State. The policy of the Governor was highly eulogized, and resolutions expressive of confidence in the wisdom and integrity of his administration were adopted without dissent. It was originally the intention to hold two meetings, one on the upper and the other on the lower floor of the Produce Exchange Building, and different sets of speakers were appointed for each, but it was found that they could be merged into one gathering. The meeting was held in the upper room, in which a temporary platform was erected, on which seats were provided for the representatives of the various commercial bodies. Spacious as the room is, it was quite filled by an audience influential even beyond its numbers, and the sentiments of the speakers were received with every token of approval. The Chamber of Commerce, which had held a meeting on the same subject an hour earlier, sent in its approval and indorsement through its President, Mr. William E. Dodge, and the Cotton Exchange, Butter and Cheese Exchange, and Cheap Transportation Association were also represented. The speakers were Mr. Franklin Edson, President of the Produce Exchange; Mr. A. E. Orr, Judge Edwards Pierrepont, Hon. L. B. Prince, Hon. William E. Dodge, Mr. Samuel B. Ruggles, Hon. Erastus Brooks, and Hon. Abram S. Hewitt. Among those present were Mr. David Dows, Mr. Leonard Hazeltine, Mr. J. H. Herrick, Mr. Henry W. Smith, Mr. William H. Phillips, Mr. A. A. Low, Mr. Hentz, President of the Cotton Exchange; Mr. W. S. Fairfield, President of the Butter and Cheese Exchange; Mr. Charles Butler, Mr. John H. Burrington, Mr. Carlos Cobb, Mr. L. J. N. Stark, Mr. Forrest H. Parker, Col. Isaac H. Reed, Mr. Charles Spear, Mr. F. B. Thurber, of the Cheap Transportation Association, and Mr. M. M. Caleb. The Committee on Arrangements were Messrs. Cobb, Philips, Stark, Orr, Parker, Reed, Spear, and Caleb, and the Committee on Resolutions consisted of Messrs. Orr, Cobb, and Philips. Letters were read from Gov. Tilden, ex-Gov. John A. Dix, Mayor Wickham, and Hon. William M. Evarts, and the sentiments expressed in these evoked the applause of the audience. Letters had been also received from other prominent citizens, but were not read to the meeting.

THE PROCEEDINGS.

Shortly after 2 o'clock the meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Franklin Edson. He announced the purpose of the meeting in the following terms:

ADDRESS OF THE CHAIRMAN.

FELLOW-MEMBERS AND MERCHANTS OF NEW-YORK: The merchants of New-York have never been called upon for an expression upon subjects of such great importance to this City and State as those which we are here assembled to consider. Indeed, there are few, if any, questions which touch greater or more vital national interests than the question of the proper or improper management of the canals of the State of New-York. For more than forty years they have constituted the great artery through which the products of Western soil have moved to the sea-board for consumption and exportation. And now that other avenues are being opened by which trade will be diverted to other ports than ours, it becomes of the most serious consequence that the financial affairs of our canals should be economically and honestly administered. The Chief Magistrate of the State of New-York evidently appreciates the importance of this subject, and being aware that corrupt practices were prevailing which had hitherto successfully defied all attempts at exposure, he has dared to take proper steps for bringing them to light, regardless of those who might be concerned therein. It is because the people who are most interested in cheap transportation to the seaboard do not take time to look into these matters that it has become possible for great frauds to be committed. It is on this account, fellow-citizens, that we have called you here to-day that, as members of this great Commonwealth, you may give some fitting expression to your views, and thereby strengthen the hands of your Chief Executive, that he may be successful in his second great endeavor to overthrow fraud in high places. And, in order that we may make the most of the short time that can be given to a meeting like this, we have invited, in your name, those gentlemen familiar with the subjects under consideration to address you.

THE LETTERS—GOV. TILDEN.

Mr. William H. Philips, Secretary of the Exchange, then read the following letters:

STATE OF NEW-YORK, EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, ALBANY, March 31, 1875.

GENTLEMEN: Official engagements here render it impossible for me to accept your invitation to-day received, to be present at your meeting to-morrow afternoon in favor of canal reform. It is a subject of congratulation that the business men generally, as well as those you especially represent, take so strong an interest and so energetic a part in this important movement.

With "malice toward none," even "with charity for all," but with inexorable fidelity to the rights of the plundered people, we must insist on the best attainable security for the future, and on every practicable indemnity for the past.

To that end I rely on the cordial and effective cooperation of the business men of our City and of the State.

With great respect, your obedient servant,

SAMUEL J. TILDEN.

To ISAAC H. REED, FORREST H. PARKER, CHARLES SPEAR, Committee on Invitation New-York Produce Exchange.

MAYOR WICKHAM.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT CITY HALL, NEW-YORK, April 1, 1875.

William H. Philips, Esq., Secretary, &c.:

SIR: I received several days ago the invitation of the Produce Exchange to attend the meeting to-day, and have deferred an acknowledgment in hopes of being able to accept it. I find now, however, that important official engagements unavoidably detain me here during all the afternoon.

Gov. Tilden has had my best wishes in his recent efforts to expose and punish frauds upon the public treasury and corruption in office. They are in natural sequence and fulfillment of the policy and plans inaugurated by the City Reform party and our best citizens in the assault upon the thieves in both political parties, who had until then ruled and plundered this community.

That result was made successful then by the cooperation of the members of the Produce Exchange, and of other merchants and business men of the City, who usually take but little interest in political affairs, but who were then at last thoroughly aroused to the appalling necessity for concerted action in performance of the first duties of citizens under a government based upon universal suffrage.

It is to the influential business men of the State that the Governor now addresses himself, and upon them we rely for practical results of the discussions in which he has so ably taken the lead.

I heartily indorse the recommendation for reduction of canal tolls to the minimum of necessary charges, and shall cooperate in every way possible with the sagacious men now endeavoring to increase the terminal facilities at this port for receiving, handling, and exporting freights.

As to these matters and all others the members of the Produce Exchange may be assured that it shall be my constant effort to develop to the utmost the great advantages and possibilities of New-York as the commercial emporium of the country.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM H. WICKHAM.

HON. WILLIAM M. EVARTS.

NO. 52 WALL STREET, March 29, 1875.

MY DEAR SIR: Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to take part in the important meeting to be held at the Produce Exchange on Thursday next, to support Gov. Tilden in his public action against the systematic frauds which have so long cheated our internal commerce and overloaded our taxes. I greatly regret that my professional engagements will prevent my attending your meeting. I shall lose no opportunity that may offer itself to give my aid to the vigorous policy and purposes of our excellent Governor that may be in my power. He deserves and will receive the support of the honest people of the State, regardless of party interests and political distinctions.

With my thanks for the honor the committee have done me by their invitation to address the meeting, I am, very truly yours,

WILLIAM M. EVARTS.

William H. Philips, Esq., Secretary, &c., &c.

EX-GOV. DIX.

NO. 3 WEST TWENTY-FIRST STREET, March 30, 1875.

GENTLEMEN: I have just received your favor of this morning inviting me to address the meeting to be held on Thursday to approve "the action of Gov. Tilden in his recent exposure of the canal frauds heretofore committed," and regret that it is not in my power to accept it.

I am sure I need not say that I approve warmly the object of the meeting, and that I sympathize sincerely and fully with all efforts to correct abuses in the administration of the canal system. I am, truly yours, JOHN A. DIX.

Messrs. Isaac H. Reed, Forrest H. Parker Charles Spear, Committee.

ADDRESS OF MR. ORR, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Orr, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, was then called upon to make his report. Before presenting the resolutions prepared by the committee, he delivered a brief address. They had done well, he said, to come to the meeting, to lend the weight of their presence and influence to the consideration of the most important—indeed, he might say, the most vital—question that had affected the commercial interests of the Metropolis and the Empire State for many years. They were called together for no idle purpose, or asked to speak with an uncertain sound, but fearlessly and earnestly to defend the rights of citizenship, to denounce fraud and wickedness in high places, and to indorse the action and uphold the Governor of the State, who had courageously seized with ungloved hands their worst enemy by the throat. The merchants of New-York had regarded with special favor every means of transit terminating in the City. They regarded them as the principal elements of their prosperity and usefulness, and the more they were in number the better they were pleased. For this reason they appreciated the railroads, they welcomed the steam-ships and the sailing vessels irrespective of nationality, and they truly loved the canals. When the transcendent genius of DeWitt Clinton thought out for New-York the plan of the Erie Canal, he not only gave to her citizens a mercantile birthright, but at once made their City a commercial metropolis of the United States—two magnificent boons of which they were justly proud, and ought to guard with jealous care. It was to the conduct and general management of these canals that Gov. Tilden, in his recent message, directs the attention of the Legislature. He advocated the reduction of tolls as a general good and a special relief to those persons ("partners of the State," as he called them) who navigated its waters, provided it could be done consistently with the financial obligations of the State. He denounced in unmeasured terms of censure and condemnation the frauds and abuses that had been perpetrated under the contract system, and asked for the summary punishment of all those who had proved recreant to their trust. Such was the substance of the message that it had at once made its author the standard-bearer of the State, irrespective of party considerations, and shaken to its very centre a power to do evil which, heretofore, in the assumption of its pride, judged itself invulnerable. They all believed that the most noble attributes of true manhood were unflinching truthfulness and integrity of purpose. All others paled before them. Accomplishments without them, although they might dazzle for the moment and pass with some for virtues, were but tinsel and gew-gaws, which, when they become tarnished by age, or were worn away by constant friction to continued deceit, exposed the poverty of the character and rendered it liable to just condemnation and contempt. It was because they believed that Samuel J. Tilden possessed, to an eminent degree, these noble qualities that they desired to give him the unqualified indorsement of the meeting. They rally as a unit to his side for the suppression of a wicked wrong, even to the stamping out of the most intolerant and destructive organization that had ever been permitted to exist within the confines of the State; a power that made and unmade Governors, Senators, Judges, Assemblymen, and, in short, did what besides, for the mere furtherance of its own unrighteous ends; a power which acted in secret—intelligent, energetic, persistent, its motto "self-aggrandizement," and its watchword "fraud." Its wicked hand had been long on the canals for many years, and its rapacity for gain had well nigh-sapped to the very foundations these magnificent water-ways of commerce throughout the State. Such was the Canal Ring. He had said a power that made and unmade Governors, and yet it was by this power that Gov. Tilden had to war against and defied. A diamond, he said, shone its brightest when placed in a dark setting, and so shone out this great and good man against the dark back-ground of the Canal Ring. Should it be said, he unmade him, and they stand idly by? No; should they not rather hold up his hands, and when he struck should they not give power to the blow, earnestly, unitedly, and heartily co-operating with him till the ring was broken into fragments, and its pieces ground to powder? Could Gov. Tilden succeed in this? He answered, yes. Already had he given evidence of energy, ability, and untiring perseverance in the detection of fraud, and just as surely as he assisted to bring to justice and a convict's cell the moving spirit of the band of thieves who had, for years fattened on and disgraced the City's Government, so surely would he overthrow the enemies of the State, when upheld and sustained by the voice of the people, an honest Legislature, and his own good conscience. An all-wise Providence had ordained that future must lie hidden behind an impenetrable veil, and yet the men composing this Ring had presumed to boast that they would defeat at the polls hereafter every man who dared to oppose their will—an arrogant, idle boast. Would they, he asked, permit the last of the political life and death to rest with those men? He would it were permitted them to raise the corner of the curtain, and look with the eye of faith on the scene beyond—merit, truth, fairness, and honesty enthroned by a grateful people, and wickedness, corruption, and fraud in the sack of Asphaltic Lake. Mr. Orr then submitted the following preamble and resolutions prepared by the committee, which were afterward adopted:

THE RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, His Excellency Samuel J. Tilden, in his recent Message to the Legislature on the subject of the State canals, requested the attention of that body to—First, the petition of persons engaged in navigating the canals, praying for the unexpressed state of their business, and praying for legislative relief, through the medium of a wise reduction of tolls; second, the relative positions of such persons to the State, and the consideration due to their demands; third, the income received from the canals, the ordinary expenses incurred in their operation, the cost of extraordinary repairs, and the large deficiency that exists over tolls collected in the past five years; fourth, the laxity and demoralization existing in official and political management of the canals; an organized association (known as the ring) which fatteus on abuses of public expenditures," and the marked evidences of fraud in the administration of the present contract system (fifth), the necessity for immediate investigation, the summary punishment of all wrong doers, and such legislation as will insure the greatest possible good to the canals, the commerce of the State, and all parties interested in the navigation of its waters; therefore,

Resolved, First—That the merchants of New-York are deeply interested in all matters pertaining to the canals, recognizing them as the means by which this City and State obtained their prestige in commercial importance, and through which they hope to retain the control of the grain trade of the United States against all competition.

Second—That we respect and acknowledge as friends all persons engaged in navigating the canals, deeming them invaluable auxiliaries to "cheap transportation" and to the producing and commercial interests of the whole country.

Third—That we heartily approve the recommendations of his Excellency, the Governor, and the Canal Board for a reduction of tolls during the coming season, believing that such a concession is imperatively necessary in view of the efforts now making in every direction to divert the grain trade from the City of New-York into other channels.

Fourth—That the merchants of New-York here assembled, irrespective of creed or party, recognize in Gov. Tilden a man of indomitable courage, probity, and determination in whose wisdom they have every confidence, and to whose standard for the suppression of all wrong they cheerfully rally.

Fifth—That the whole mercantile community is profoundly moved to indignation and just anger against the author and beneficiaries of these canal frauds and abuses, which, although existing for many years, have now for the first time been fearlessly unearthed to the gaze of an aggrieved and outraged constituency.

Sixth—That we respectfully but earnestly urge upon the Legislature the strict and impartial investigation suggested by Gov. Tilden, in the full hope that it will result in such legislation as will assure, as far as practicable, restitution to the State, swift punishment to the guilty, and render a repetition of like evils in canal management absolutely impossible.

Seventh—That the President of the New-York Produce Exchange be directed to send copies of these resolutions to the Governor of the State, and to each member of the Senate and Assembly.

Eighth—That the thanks of the meeting are due and are hereby tendered to the press of the City and State for their valuable assistance in bringing the attention of the public to these all-important subjects.

ADDRESS OF JUDGE EDWARDS PIERREPONT.

Judge Edwards Pierrepont was then introduced. Addressing himself to the President and merchants of the City of New-York, he said that he had been requested to second the resolutions which had been so properly drawn and so well presented. It was a duty, he said, which gave him great pleasure. He felt that it was an encouraging sign that the citizens of New-York, laying aside all political prejudices, had united together without any regard to party distinctions, for the purpose of supporting and doing honor to their fearless Chief Magistrate and to his honest coadjutors in this great work of the reform of the canals. This great, harmonious concourse of their fellow-citizens bade them note that the time had come when party ties were loosened, and when the people demanded good government and honest administration, caring little whether it was a Government of Republicans or Democrats, so that it was a Government that was honest and intelligent, and that would protect the rights of the citizens. [Applause.] There was a time when the members of the two great political parties were loyal and true to their organization, and when each party was watching the other. They had then a Government which worked very well; but as the country grew large and rich, and the corrupting love of luxury and extravagance came in, Republican politicians joined with Democratic politicians to plunder the people of their earnings, and those intrusted with the sacred duty of protecting the rights and defending the property of the citizen turned traitors to their trust, and through the cheating form of fraudulent contracts robbed those whom they should have periled their lives to protect. Three years ago last Summer fearless and honest men, in spite of offered bribes and threatened violence, exposed to the public gaze the collusive frauds perpetrated by the rulers of this great City. Three years ago last Autumn, the people arose in their might, and finally sent the chief betrayers of the public trust to prison or to exile. Foremost, conspicuous, and fearless in that great movement was Samuel J. Tilden. The more credit was due to him that in pursuance of that policy, he had to assail the chief leaders of his own party, and make his bitterest foes those of his own political household. They would remember that then his political enemies in his own party said that his political grave was dug. Yes, his Democratic enemies dug his grave, but last Fall it was so filled with Democratic votes, and rounded up with Republican votes, that his Democratic enemies could not push him in. Now, they said that his action in respect to the canals would dig another grave, but he [Judge Pierrepont] predicted that it would be filled up in the same way, only twice as high. They knew him to be an honest and fearless man, and would protect him in the policy which he had undertaken in this matter. His action in respect to the canals, instead of injuring him, would add to his strength, and would be remembered at the proper time. The Government, the speaker went on to say, was in a transition state which would be very perceptible before it was five years older. When rulers in despotic States habitually despoiled the people, the latter became discouraged, and soon ceased to produce anything beyond what was necessary for their maintenance, and such nations invariably went to decay. If our people, he said, found out, after many a weary struggle, that reform was only temporary, and that hungrier thieves were to take the place of other thieves; that elected rulers, through fraudulent contracts and fraudulent jobs, so stole the public money that canal tolls were increased, and not long ago brought through the State of New-York to the sea, that taxes were burdensome, that docks, and drayage, and labor, and all the means of living and doing business were forced up so that they could not compete with the cheaper cities on the Atlantic coast; then it must go down in ruin or make a radical change. If the people were robbed of their earnings the result was the same whether it was done by elected rulers or by hereditary despots. Forty millions of brave and enterprising people with boundless sources of wealth were not going to remain in the present helpless condition five years longer. They did not yet quite understand how they were hurt. They could look about, however, and see that they had had peace for ten years; that they had had abundant harvests and public health. Regarding these things, did not every intelligent man inquire what the matter was? How did it happen that with all the means of wealth spread from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and with every material for great prosperity, that prosperity never came. Everybody knew that this fault cannot be in the people, but in the rulers, not in the soil, and not in the country. There were occasional spasms, to be sure, which raised hopes that perished in a day, but nothing permanent. What was the trouble? It meant want of confidence in the future—nothing else. But in what lay this distrust of the future? It was not as he had said in the people, in the soil or in the climate; it was distrust of the legislation and administration of our rulers. Why did not capitalists invest in real estate when it was so depreciated, and when money was so abundant? Because they feared that thieves might again get possession of the Treasury and fraudulent legislation make the City bankrupt. Men would no longer place their money at the hazard of taxes levied to pay for distant robbery. He did not, he said, blame the merchants of New-York whether they had had a profitable year. He had not seen their ledgers, but he knew that they had not made any money. They never would have a profitable year until the expenses of business were reduced, and until the transit on the canals was made cheaper. Canals would not be done while the taxes and the tolls remained so high, and they would never be reduced except by wise and economic legislation and by honest administration. He did not believe the merchants of New-York would ever have permanent prosperity until this question of the currency was settled. How could the honest merchant prosper in legitimate trade when all was gambling? Of what use was his mercantile experience and sagacity when he could not know five months ahead whether he can pay for his goods in coin or gold. Let them note the effect of this uncertainty on every class of business. Prudent men were not willing to traffic in real estate, or to advance money to builders and take a mortgage back, through the fear that the mortgage money might be paid back in depreciated paper. This uncertainty paralyzed every industry in the country. Then, again, labor was thrown out of employment, and thus productive industry ceased, and the non-producers were eating up the past productions of the country. In this great country, hundreds of thousands had been thrown out of employment, and were fast using up the earnings of the past. More than 60,000 emigrants, each taking some money with him, had returned to Europe since their last industrial derangement. Whose fault was it, he said, that a great and growing calamitous fate had paralyzed the nation, they could submit without a murmur. But Providence had been very bountiful, and fate had been very kind. The fault was not in our stars but in ourselves," the wise legislation, lack of statesmanlike comprehension of such a new situation, and of the real remedy, added to wasteful and fraudulent administration in our rulers had brought us to this condition. We, a great commercial nation, had departed from the standard of the commercial world 300 years ago, and after ten years of peace our finances were in such a condition as to breed distrust, derange our trade, and stop many of our productive industries. This cause of folly and not of wisdom and ought not so to be. How, he asked, could it be helped? Only by selecting as their chief rulers men of proved ability, men who had established characters which they valued above the rewards of dishonesty or the plaudits of thieves. To this end, he thought, our transition tended, and it presaged well that they had assembled and shown such an earnest wish to support a fearless and honest Governor and his coworkers against such frauds. With returning confidence we would start out on that great course of prosperity and wealth to which he believed, under God, we were destined. [Applause.]

SPEECH OF HON. L. BRADFORD PRINCE.

Mr. L. Bradford Prince was then introduced. He said: Mr. President and merchants of New-York: For the first time during five years of legislative service I have left Albany for an entire day in order to be present at this meeting to-day; and I have done so not only because I considered it a privilege to be here with you, but because I consider it to be just as much in the line of official duty to be here in the midst of this great gathering, to take counsel with you, to learn what you had to say, and hear your suggestions as to what was to be done, and to tell you what we propose to do in the Legislature in regard to this matter which is now attracting such wide attention. It is right and fitting and proper that the first great meeting in the State of New-York responsive to the Message of his Excellency should be held in New-York, and by those who represent the mercantile community of the City; for while the whole people take an interest in the great subject in so far as it affects the general taxation, it is a matter equally connected with all. Yet in so far as it touches on the great subject of the Canal Rings, in so far as these robberies and frauds have taken money from the canals—viewed in that light, it is a subject which pre-eminently is of importance to those represented on this platform to-day. For, as has very well been said in one of your resolutions, the property of the City of New-York depends upon its connection with the interior of the country. I do not recollect the exact words made use of, but I believe this is the idea expressed. It has been a source of wonder to many of us that the people seemed to forget this subject, or else to be apathetic in carrying into practical effect the measures necessary to bring about proper reform. It may be laid down as an axiom that can be put into very few words that the commercial prosperity of the City of New-York has been in precise ratio with the facilities the City has gained with the interior of the continent. When she increased these facilities she raised herself above the other portions of the country. When she ceased to do so her commercial prosperity proportionately fell. A glance at the history of the commerce of the country would show that this had been the case from the beginning. New-York was not always the largest city in the Union. One hundred years ago Boston and Philadelphia were the largest. At that time Boston and Philadelphia and Newport had more commerce. It was not until she was placed in communication with the interior of the country that New-York assumed the supremacy. It was not until communication had been opened up with the West that New-York City became the great emporium of the nation. It was not her harbor that raised her to this position, for other cities had as good harbor accommodations. It was not her enterprise, for the merchants of other cities were possessed of as much enterprise. When population went further to the westward, then it was that, by the creation of the Erie Canal, extending the Hudson 300 miles further to the West, and connecting it with the great lakes, and thereby opening up the whole centre of the country, that New-York for the first time, in 1830, became the first city in America in population, as well as in trade and commerce. So that there is more propriety, in the interest which is taken in this matter of the canal system here, that the first response coming from a great representative body of men should come from those who are before me. I do not propose to enter into any discussion on the general matters suggested in the Message of his Excellency. They are known now to all men through the press, which has fully dealt with and denounced the thieves, and brought before you day by day the way in which these frauds have been carried on, so that all were familiar with them. The name of unbalanced bids, which two weeks ago were unknown, to-day were familiar as household words—how slip wall was bid for at twenty cents and $2, and other works at $1 and $70 on the same day, fraud being so patent in the face of it that it needs no examples. The Message of his Excellency the Governor calls attention to two kinds of action separate and distinct, one of them looking to the future, which alone be remedial action which shall be found in legislation; the other looking to the facts, action to be taken through investigation. [Applause.] The first of these, which is solely legislative, which looks to the enactments of laws to prevent the possibility of the future of these things which have occurred in the past can take place immediately before the end of the present session of the Legislature. And it is in action of this kind that the opinions expressed at meetings such as this will be most salutary and valuable. It can be pushed forward immediately now. All the facts are perfectly well understood. We know where the difficulty in the canal system exists, and there is no difficulty in preparing such legislation as will prevent those frauds in the future. It can be done, and I trust and believe it will be done. I have said difficulties in the system, for the difficulties which are to be reached by the Legislature are difficulties in the system. You cannot take a rogue and make him an honest man by enactments. But you can make a law that will not leave near the same opportunities of being dishonest. These difficulties in the system came down from the time of 1846, which made it impossible for any man to put his finger upon any member of the board and say, thou art the man. The board which has control of these canals consists of nine members, and they are State officers. The Lieutenant Governor is not elected because he knows a great deal about canals. He is elected because he is thought to be a good man, and one who would be capable of taking the place of the Governor; but his election had nothing whatever to do with the management of the canals. When you elect an Attorney General you do not pick out one of his knowledge of lockage, but because of his knowledge of the law. When you select your Controller you do not select him because he knows how many hours it will take for a canal-boat to go from New-York or Albany to Buffalo, and so with the Secretary of State, and the Canal Commissioners. But you see the men I have mentioned are a majority of our Canal Board, elected without a thought of the canals, except by the men who try to have certain people elected for this office that will conduct themselves in such and such a way. Even if these nine men were angels, if you place them in their hands the canals will not be well conducted. You must have more responsibility. You must have a smaller number of men. I believe in small governing boards. I believe that three is better than nine and one is better than three. [Applause.] It is not the fault of all of us that things are as they do to-day. A distinguished gentleman on the platform to-day will tell you that efforts were made to place the canal system under the control of one single man. I conceive that there is an advantage in that system over appointment outside the difference of number, because, where the appointment is made by the Governor, if anything goes wrong you can hold that person responsible or the Governor who appointed him. But when such offices are filled as at present, when things go wrong two or three years afterward, if you ask who put these men into power you find that two or three hundred men assembled at Utica put them into office, and that there no direct responsibility, and what we now want in government everywhere is direct responsibility. Of course, we cannot change this condition of things now; but I trust it may be changed, as far as this Legislature can do it, this Winter, and the influence of this meeting, and the influence it will exert with the public, will go very far to produce that result. I hold in my hand a bill which provides for the creation of the office of Inspector of Public Works, to be appointed by the City and removable at pleasure, to inspect all works carried on, and to have full power to investigate all matters relating to them, and to report—an officer who would have no other power except to make his report. Other proposed measures are in the mind of the Legislature—one looking to changes in these bids. You are all familiar with the fact that these great frauds have arisen from that one defect in the system that, if the bids were received, one could be put up and the other put down, until the work would bear no proportion to the amount. Now there is a bill in the Legislature to the effect that there shall be a new regulation for these bids. It is to be introduced by Mr. Davis, to whom very great credit is to be given for having inaugurated this system of reform alone and unaided, and having made the first speech against this system now known as the Canal Ring. [Applause.] So much for the remedial part of this matter. With regard to the past, we want investigation, and it should not only be speedy but it should be thorough. And in order to be thorough it cannot be entirely speedy. It can be done by a commission appointed by the Governor. For myself, I would frankly confess here that I have not any faith in what can be done by an Investigating Committee between now and the end of the session which will be of any great importance. The Legislature will not continue in session more than a month, and the leading men who would be put into a committee of that kind are overwhelmed. They could not give any such time to it as to make the investigation thorough. But a commission of eminent citizens appointed by the Governor, who would have the whole Summer to investigate, cannot fail to secure the confession of the people and be of very great use in that which they should unearth in the course of their investigation. And let me say right here that you do not have to wait if this commission shall have gone on you do not have to wait until next year for trial and conviction and punishment. There exists a law passed this year with considerable reference to this particular case, and everything can be done that is necessary as to such trial and conviction and punishment; and in so far as it can be traced, the money fraudulently appropriated can be obtained. I hold in my hand a bill which is now a law, and in this law it is provided that all money so retained can be sued for in the name of the State, and recovered. The Attorney General is bound by the act, upon the written request of the Governor, to commence and carry on such action, so that the initiative is given to the Governor of the State. By giving to him the appointment of the commission of those men he knows to be favorable to reform, I think that very much will be done in a practical way before the 1st of January next. Just here let me say a word as to the Governor himself. There has been a great deal said, perhaps more in Albany than here accusing him of having made this war on the Canal Ring to avenge himself on personal and political enemies, and in order to secure for himself some political advantage. In short, that what he had done he had not done in good faith, but for personal motives. I for one have perfect good faith in Gov. Tilden. [Applause.] It is in consonance with his whole life. It is not the first time he has undertaken to pull down fraud, and there is nothing in his past record to make us think he is in bad faith, but very much to make us believe he is in good faith. If a man who has been in the company of thieves suddenly stands up crying, "Stop, thief!" you may naturally suppose he is not to be much applauded. But with a man who has always been the supporter of reform it is quite otherwise, and there is no reason why the people should not give to him their entire confidence and support. [Applause.] For one, I am perfectly willing to give it. I am glad there is no question of party in this matter. It is a question of necessity and dishonesty, of fraud and reform, and whether the Governor may be Republican or Democrat, if he leads in this reform am willing, for one, to march under his standard; and I conceive that every good citizen should be willing to do the same and give all his support to him. I conceive that the man who so little understands what this issue is, what the feeling of the people is on this subject, as to attempt to make out of it a mere partisan advantage, will find that he is woefully mistaken. The people are entirely in earnest. They mean business from Buffalo to the City of New-York, and to aid and carry on the measures necessary to effect the desired reform. I conceive the holding of this meeting to-day will have a very great and beneficial effect. [Applause.]

REMARKS OF WILLIAM E. DODGE.

Mr. William E. Dodge, President of the Chamber of Commerce, was next introduced. In his remarks, which were brief, he conveyed to the meeting the indorsement and approval by that body of the purpose of the meeting. The chamber, he said, had passed a strong resolution on the subject, and when they adjourned, they adjourned to come to the meeting of the Produce Exchange. As merchants, they generally attended to their own business, but now they proposed to make their especial business this subject which was being agitated. They proposed to take up the project of getting the canals in such a position that the products of the West could be brought to this City at a much cheaper rate. The City, he said, owed more to the canals than to anything else. They should be protected from theft and peculation, and they should be made a uniform depth of seven feet, so that boats with their freights might pass freely. They had made up their minds to attend to this business, and the chamber would be willing to co-operate with the promoters of the meeting. Mr. Dodge then referred in eulogistic terms to Mr. Samuel B. Ruggles, to whom, he said, the City owed more than to any other man living, and on whom the mantle of Clinton had fallen. Mr. Ruggles, he said, had made a prediction thirty years ago, which, for the space of ten years, made him the laughing-stock of the people, but he had lived to see it coming true.

MR. RUGGLES MAKES SOME BRIEF OBSERVATIONS.

Mr. Ruggles was then presented to the meeting, and was received with great applause. He is in very feeble health, and, although forbidden by his medical attendant to make any speech, he could not allow the occasion to pass without saying a few words, notwithstanding, as he said, that he was threatened with the penalty of death for his rashness. His remarks were brief, and at times he was inaudible, but again he denounced the canal rogues, and rogues generally, in vigorous and energetic terms. Forty years ago, he said, he was at the head of the Finance Committee of the Assembly, and it was his duty then to find out what made this State rich. He was sent to find out that very thing, and he reported that what it most wanted was the enlargement of the Erie Canal. He then predicted that the cost of tolls on a bushel of wheat would in time be reduced to one-fifth what it then was. That was a material business fact. This was in 1838, and the cost per bushel was ten cents. His prediction was that so much wheat would be grown in the West that the charges would be reduced to two cents, and that prediction was now being verified. The quantity of wheat grown in the West was 800,000,000 of bushels, of which he said one-half would in time come to the sea-coast; although at present only 188,000,000 got that length. The plunderers of the public money Mr. Ruggles denounced as infernal villains, ineffable scoundrels, traitors to the State, who ought to be hanged or crucified with their heads down. Speaking of the necessity of deepening the canals, he said that the flats of St. Clair should be dug out so that large vessels could come from Chicago to Buffalo.

SPEECH OF HON. ERASTUS BROOKS.

Hon. Erastus Brooks was the next speaker. He addressed the meeting as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT: The cause or occasion for this meeting, assembled at one of the busiest hours and places of the day, is a fresh manifestation of interest in the questions which have called us together. Suddenly all eyes are turned to New-York, and especially the eyes of the people of the Far West, the great grain producers of the country. All along the water line, by ocean, river, canal, and the lakes, from the Mississippi to the British Atlantic, some five or six thousand miles, the Message of a Governor of one of the American States commands universal attention. Others not only fix their attention upon us, but we are turning our eyes within ourselves, and we must confess the spectacle is not a pleasant one. It is never a pleasant sight to lay bare to the public gaze the iniquities of our fellowmen, or the wrongs of the State; and, least of all, is it agreeable when we see, as in the case before us, the extent of the greed and plunder which has wrought so much mischief to our own Municipality and Commonwealth. Our thanks are due to the Governor for his Message and its recommendations. The one is timely, and the other gives practical evidence of enlightened statesmanship, and of practical devotion to the best interests of the State. The purpose of his message is not to be a no vindictive assault upon men, but rather to stop the criminal administration in the canal management of the State, to secure quicker and cheaper transportation, to get an honest seven feet of water in the canals; but, most of all, to get the honest canal officers and contractors, whether of longer or shorter term. As we survey the facts we must feel that it is not the contractors alone, nor corrupt State officials alone, nor the Legislature alone, nor negligent Governors alone, who have wrought the evils of which we complain. For years the canals, since the completion of the Erie Canal, and those who are familiar with the past will recall evidences of constant maladministration. Nearly twenty years ago, in the State Senate, I was authorized by a body of capable and intelligent men, with abundant capital and security to perform what they promised, to say they would keep all the canals in as good repair as they were then, or as they had been for the five previous years, for $600,000 a year, which was about one-half the sum paid by the State. The proposition, almost as a matter of course, met with favor, and from that time to the present the management has been rather worse than better. Indeed, I am almost constrained to believe in the truth of the recent statement of one of the most experienced observers of affairs in the State, that in the aggregate of frauds committed in the different modes to which we are referred, it will be shown that money enough has been stolen from the canal fund to have given us a ship-canal from Lake Erie to the Hudson River. If the canals have cost over $100,000,000 for building, repairs, and improvements, it is now ascertained to say that from $40,000,000 to $50,000,000 have been misapplied or stolen, and should this sort of management continue the time is not distant when the people will have to choose between the monopoly of a private canal corporation under legal restraints, and the State abandonment of a system which, in the past, has been not only the great glory of the Commonwealth, but a chief source of its wealth, population, and political power. I have said all must share in the present public disgrace, and I include just so many of the people as refused to vote, under the constitutional provisions of 1867-68, the Legislature of 1874 of which the Senate of 1875 is a part, and which refused to submit to the people the constitutional amendments framed by the commission of 1872, in which the two great parties were equally divided, and which was unanimous in presenting and pressing the most urgent reform in the administration of the canals, now recommended to the Legislature. The people in their temper of last year would have seized the opportunity to have adopted this reform just as they gave vent to the Legislature to surrender the Erie Canal, which in five years have cost the State $2,600,000, and one of them alone, the Chenango Canal, about the most useless of all, $600,000. Should the Legislature fail to act upon this urgency they will show not only an unpardonable contempt for the duties of the State in 1874, but for public opinion at the present time. With over $15,000,000 of income from the canals in five years, and nearly $15,000,000 of taxes, and about $23,000,000 of canal taxation in ten years, the people have a right to be indignant at the past and demand positive reform for the future. They expect from the present Legislature, and have a right to expect from it, an utter abandonment of so much of the contract system as by any possibility can be traced to ignorance, dishonesty, or collusion. There must be no more of the scandalous unbalanced bids, and no more of the tricks exposed in 1866; no more auctioneering or jobbery with effaced, defaced, and interlined bids. There must be honest and intelligent engineers, and all local engineers ought to be recommended to the Governor and Senate for their guidance by the power of removal for cause. There ought to be a Canal Superintendent, with undoubted integrity and capacity, the largest powers, good pay, and responsible to the Executive and Legislature. The system, as it is, is admitted to be vicious. It is not only vicious, but so complicated as to require patience and experience, judgment and long study, to comprehend it; but it is not the vicious system which robs the State and people, but vicious men, born of avarice, baptized in deceit, and old and hoary in their corruptions. It is time, we think, men should be found who could unite. Honest men are possible in office, even at small pay, and I refer to nearly every Controller who has held office under the State as evidence of the fact. Names like McIntyre and Marcy, Wright and Fillmore, Hunt and Allen, Cook and Robinson, Dennison and Fuller, Burrows, Nichols, and Hopkins are illustrious in the annals of the State as honest, capable, and faithful men. If all complain that they are not redressed. But they will be redressed. The victory is already won, unless the Canal Ring can succeed in their effort to break down the Governor. They accuse him of personal ambition. They say he has got his eye on the Presidency. They tell you that he presents no practical remedy. But go back three or four years into the record of Gov. Tilden. Before his successful attempt to expose the frauds of the Municipal Ring of New-York, Gov. Tilden had acquired a handsome competency. He was at the head of his profession. He was preparing himself, as I know as his intimate friend, for those pursuits for which he was fitted by his education and tastes. If he had any political ambition it would have been easily gratified. The Democratic Party had the Government at Albany. Mr. Tilden was the Chairman of the Democratic State Committee, and he had only to say I want to be Governor of New-York, and there was no man to say nay. He had only to sit still and tolerate the system of fraud which then existed. But it was understood that when Gov. Tilden raised his voice about municipal frauds it was to be war to the

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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—MIGNON, (English Opera)—Miss Kellogg, Miss Beaumont, Mr. Peakes, Mr. Castle.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—ROMANCE OF A POOR YOUNG MAN—Mr. H. J. Montague, Mr. John Gilbert, Miss Ada Dyas, Mme. Ponisi.

FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.—THE BIG BONANZA—Mr. Charles Fisher, Mr. James Lewis, Mr. W. Davidge, Miss Fanny Davenport.

UNION SQUARE THEATRE.—THE TWO ORPHANS—Mr. John Parselle, Jr., C. R. Thorne, Jr., Miss Fanny Morant, Miss Kate Claxton.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—HENRY V.—Mr. George Regnold, Mr. Frederick Thorne, Mr. Charles Calvert, Miss Lottie Gilsedin.

LYCEUM THEATRE.—JULIE PARFUMERIE—Mlle. Marie Aimée, Mlle. Nardyn, Messrs. Koltetz, Dubouchet.

PARK THEATRE.—DAVY CROCKETT—Mr. Frank Mayo, Mr. H. Forsberg, Miss Rosa Rand, Miss Annie Dough.s.

BOWERY THEATRE.—AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHTY DAYS—Mr. Edwin F. Thorne and company.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.—ARMED—Mlle. Josephine Morlacchi, Mlle. A. Galletti.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—VAUDEVILLE AND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.

BARNUM'S ROMAN HIPPODROME.—GRAND ORIENTAL PAGEANT—RACING—MENAGERIE.

SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS.—MINSTRELSY and NEGRO COMICALITIES—Messrs. Birch, Wambold, and Backus.

COLOSSEUM.—CYCLORAMA OF PARIS BY NIGHT—OPERETTAS—SKETCHES. Matinee.

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The rather muddled series of motions and amendments in regard to the investigation of the canal frauds has been at length finally adjusted. First, there is the concurrent resolution for the appointment of a joint committee consisting of three members of each house, and, therefore, of three members of each political party. The Senate amendments to that resolution were promptly concurred in by the House, so that the committee can be named before adjournment to-day and be ready to begin their labors early next week. Then, there is the other resolution providing for the appointment of a commission of four by the Governor, subject to the confirmation of the Senate. That was promptly approved in the Assembly on Wednesday, but remained practically inoperative for want of an empowering act enabling the commission to compel the attendance of witnesses. Failing the preparation of such an act by the Judiciary Committee of the Assembly, the Senate passed one on Wednesday night. This was introduced to the Assembly yesterday, referred to the Judiciary Committee, reported back to the House, and finally passed last night, without amendment. So far, the forces of the Canal Ring have shown all the symptoms of complete demoralization. If the Governor and his supporters of both parties will only promptly follow up the advantage they have gained, the partial defeat of the canal thieves will be quickly changed into a rout. How thoroughly the mercantile portion of this community is in sympathy with the Governor's policy may be gathered from our report of yesterday's meeting. All honest men, without distinction of party, will rejoice over the breaking up of the Canal Ring, not only as a service to the material interests of the State, but also as a still more important service to the cause of political morality.

Mr. EVARTS' explanation of the New-England custom of swearing by the uplifted hand, instead of on the Holy Scriptures, recalls the time when New-England courts were the greatest sticklers for the old English formula. It was one of the chief points of accusation against ROGER WILLIAMS by the General Court of the Massachusetts Colony that he not only stontly maintained the right of the citizen to refuse to be sworn on the Scriptures, but denied that the Magistrate ought to tender an oath to an unregenerate man. The sturdy old Separatist considered the usual form of judicial oath to be an act of religious worship, and he resisted its legal enforcement on precisely the same grounds that he denied the right of the State to pass laws to compel people to attend church, or to partake of the Communion. Adhesion to his views in regard to the oath caused ROGER WILLIAMS to lose some thousands of pounds sterling, by its debarring him from legal standing in the English courts. His persistent defense of these and similar opinions procured his banishment from Massachusetts, but gave to the Union the State of Rhode Island. In this and other matters, the course of history has justified the founders of the Providence Plantations, and the New-England which consistently persecuted them has come round, like other free communities, to doctrines which, in the seventeenth century, were stamped as heresy by the Church and treason by the State.

Our readers who live in the upper part of the City will be glad to learn from a letter from Mr. W. H. VANDERBILT that there is no intention on the part of the managers of the Fourth avenue and Central Park cars to subject passengers to the inconvenience of changing at the depot at Thirty-second street. The arrangements for passengers will remain what they have been for some time past. We are very glad of this, for the Fourth avenue cars are by far the cleanest and best managed in the City, and are more used by ladies and children than those on any other line. Mr. W. H. VANDERBILT will receive the thanks of the passengers for not allowing a very great inconvenience to be forced upon them.

The kind of justice dispensed at most of the District Civil Courts in this City has for many years been a subject of complaint among the respectable members of the legal profession. In a report presented yesterday to the Board of Apportionment, the Controller showed at what a preposterous expense these courts are maintained, and pointed out the way to reform them. The combined salaries of the Justices and of the useless array of clerks, stenographers, and attendants attached to these courts amount to the sum of $232,000 per annum. The supplies consumed by them amount to thirty thousand dollars more, so that upward of a quarter of a million a year is paid by the tax-payers for judicial service averaging only three hours for three days a week. These courts have become the refuge of some of the lowest class of the retainers of the old Tweed Ring, and the ignorance, incapacity, and favoritism displayed on the Bench of most of them have caused them to be avoided by all respectable lawyers. An attempt was made to reform these courts at the time when the Police Courts were reorganized, but certain constitutional difficulties barred the way. As the terms of the Justices expire on Jan. 1, the present is a very seasonable time for effecting a radical improvement in these nests of judicial corruption. If the Bar Association has any vitality left, this is a subject eminently deserving its attention. Meanwhile, the Controller shows how, without impairing the usefulness which ought to be, but is not, derived from these courts, their cost can be cut down from $232,000 to $87,000 per annum. He proposes to do this by means which cannot fail to commend themselves to so earnest a believer in "Home Rule" as Mayor WICKHAM, and which will certainly command the approval and support of the overburdened tax-payers.

Mr. W. H. BARNUM, Democratic candidate for Congress in the Fourth District of Connecticut, has taken a very characteristic course regarding his share of the back-pay grab. He publishes a certificate from Treasurer SPINNER, dated March 30, 1875, to the effect that at that date $4,704, the amount of increased salary due said BARNUM, had been paid into the Treasury. How long it has been there does not appear. But the Treasury records do also show that on March 10, 1873, the identical $4,704 additional salary had been paid to Mr. BARNUM, and the cashed certificate issued to that honest statesman is on exhibition. If the back pay is now in the Treasury, when did it get there? Our Washington dispatches intimate that it has been put back within a few days. Certainly it was not in the Treasury March 10, 1873. Where was it between that date and March 30, 1875? The voters of the Fourth Connecticut Congressional District ask for more light on this mysterious piece of business.

"TIM" CAMPBELL acts as a very fitting sponsor to the Aldermen's bill for the purpose of transferring the work of the Street-cleaning Bureau to a new Commissioner, to be appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen, and to be removable by the Mayor without the necessity of appealing to the Governor. Should this bill become law the Aldermen would either bargain with the Commissioner, before confirming him, for a certain number of places, or we should have another Tammany Committee on Patronage, sweeping up the scum of ward politics to put in as Inspectors and foremen of the new department. The Democratic majority in the Assembly may as well understand that in regard to this street-cleaning business the people have made up their minds to leave well alone. During the Winter the conduct of the Street-cleaning Bureau has won golden opinions from all classes of citizens, and it is preparing for a struggle against the pestilential filth of the Summer in a way which promises the most satisfactory results. The people have no objection to the continuance of a hostile feeling between the Mayor and Aldermen, on the one side, and the Street-cleaning Bureau, on the other. There is no stimulus to faithful public service like the consciousness that certain watchful foes are waiting to discover a lapse of duty as a means for applying the official scalping-knife. The beautiful theory of perfect official control has numerous drawbacks, as the people of New-York know to their cost.

To the great relief of multitudes of people, there is no longer any danger from freshets on the Susquehanna and Delaware Rivers. Our reports say that the ice-gorges have disappeared, the streams are flowing freely, though bank full, and the inhabitants along the borders of these streams and their branches may sleep in peace and security. The thaw has been gradual, loosening the ice slowly, and breaking up the gorges by degrees. The inhabitants of the long-threatened regions of Pennsylvania and New-Jersey have had a great deliverance.

TRADE IN THE CITY.

We have already drawn attention to the inevitable effects upon our City trade of the annual migration to Europe, the period of which is now near at hand. It is natural enough that a question of this kind should excite much difference of opinion, and we are not surprised to find a contemporary objecting that we have only presented the "shop-keepers' view" of it. But this is a very strange reproach to come from a commercial paper published in a commercial community. It might do well enough for the "court journal" of some other country, but in a city where the vast majority of people live by trade, what answer is it to any argument to say that it bears reference only to the interests of trade? Without our "shop-keepers," we take it that even the New-York *Daily Bulletin* would get on very badly. Shop-keepers supply a large part of the capital of our real-estate owners, and if a man exacts a high rent from them and spends his money in another country—and, moreover, if that becomes a very general custom—it cannot but happen that the prosperity of the country will be seriously affected. It is a great mistake to regard any subject as unimportant simply because it largely affects the interests of shop-keepers.

The *World* takes a still more foolish view of the question; but the interests of "shop-keepers" must be a matter of perfect indifference to the writers of that paper. What has business prosperity to do with that? "Looting" does not yet form a part of the recognized operations of trade, and at present the bulk of mankind is reduced to what the *World* would describe as the extremely unpleasant necessity of acquiring the means of living by purchase rather than by plunder. Consequently, we do not see that the *World* has any *locus standi* in this discussion. What we have to consider is the fact that, practically, trade in a very large number of our retail stores is now restricted to about nine months in the year. There are three months of the Summer when little or no business is done. And of the remaining nine months there are three or four during which bad weather is almost incessant. Now, bad weather will injuriously affect trade; except, perhaps, the trade which is said to be carried on by some of the *World* writers. How, then, is a heavy rent to be earned in so short a period of time? The argument that people will spend their money abroad if it is clearly to their advantage so to do, is, of course, not to be met by another argument. We have to admit the truth of it, and then go on to point out the consequences of the state of things on which it is based. And that, in reality, is what we set out by doing. We are at present discussing only *effects*—the causes are very numerous, and by no means so easy of treatment as some of our contemporaries appear to suppose.

It is said that people buy so largely abroad because everything is so much cheaper there than here. Is it right to punish the tradesman for that? What makes everything dearer in New-York than it is in Paris or London? Chiefly the heavy duties. And who is responsible for them—the much-abused shop-keeper? No one, we should think, would venture to say so. The duties which make things dear are part of the penalty we are paying for a war which abolished slavery and preserved the Union. It would be rather hard to punish the shop-keepers for that war. But, at present, the more honest a man is in the management of his business, the more severely he is punished. He stands no chance against his rival who is less particular about paying duties, and who is not above doing a little smuggling when he can manage it. The moiety system, with all its faults, was some check upon smuggling, as one of our greatest merchants—Mr. A. T. STEWART—was courageous enough to point out at the time when all the hubbub was being raised for its suppression. The retail dealer who does not cheat the Custom-house, cannot compete on equal terms with many of his rivals. And then the customers whom he invites say that they cannot deal with him because they are "going over to Europe in the Summer," and can buy things cheaper there. Explain this how one will, it must be admitted that it is pretty hard on the shop-keeper. And when to these difficulties are added the high price of labor, and the effects of trades-unions and constant strikes, everybody will understand why Broadway stores change hands so frequently nowadays, and why there is so great a demand for a reduction in rents.

THE SPRING ELECTIONS.

Connecticut will open the brief series of elections to be held this month by its annual contest on Monday next, for State officers, for members of the Forty-fourth Congress and of both branches of its Legislature, besides various minor officials. The character of the contest and the progress of the campaign have already been fully set forth in our special correspondence, and need not be recapitulated here.

On the same day, Michigan will hold its "judiciary election," when two Regents of the State University, and two Judges of its Supreme Court are to be chosen, one of the latter to fill the vacancy on its Bench, caused by the transfer of Hon. ISAAC P. CHRISTIANCY to the United States Senate. For Supreme Judge, both Republicans and Democrats have united in the support of Hon. BENJAMIN F. GRAVES for re-election. For the remaining offices, separate candidates have been named, and a brisk rivalry has ensued between their supporters. The vote of Michigan last Fall was so close as to give much interest to the contest this Spring. The Prohibitionists, who had a separate ticket in the field, have lately withdrawn it, three of their leading candidates having declined to run; and their State Committee has recommended all adherents of the Prohibition Party in the State to vote for those candidates on the various State tickets whom they think best qualified for the respective positions, without regard to political party associations. It should be mentioned that various local offices are to be filled in the towns of Michigan on Monday, and that these, politically, are regarded as of more consequence, and are contested more zealously, than the positions of Judges and Regents.

On Wednesday, 6th inst., Rhode Island will elect its State officers and Legislature. By a recent change in the law, the members of Congress are chosen in Rhode Island in the November preceding the meeting of the new Congress, and these places having been filled last Fall, the election next week will not have the interest usually attaching to it outside the State. Within its contracted borders, however, much excitement prevails, four separate tickets having been placed in the field for the leading general officers. Many of the Republicans being greatly dissatisfied with the manner in which the regular party nominations for Governor and Lieutenant Governor were brought about, and it being indeed openly charged that they "were secured by the use of means destructive to the integrity and purity of the Republican Party, and perilous to all its interests," independent nominations for these offices have been made, and will tend to make the contest exciting. The question of license or prohibition entered closely into the choice of nominees by the regular Republican Convention, and the license advocates were only successful by one majority in nominating their candidate for Governor after an all-night session. Meanwhile, the Prohibitionists have met and nominated the present board of State officers entire for re-election, but are promptly met by the refusal of Gov. HOWARD and Lieut. Gov. VAN ZANDT to run under any circumstances, and they will probably unite in the support of the Independent Republican candidates.

On Tuesday, May 4, Florida will close the list of State elections until late in the Summer, by holding a special election upon certain proposed amendments to its Constitution. These amendments have already been ratified, as constitutionally required, by the vote of two-thirds of the members of each of two successive Legislatures. They provide, among other things, for biennial instead of annual sessions of the Legislature after 1877; declare the method of procedure in impeachment cases; limit the power to contract debts in the name of the State; authorize the Governor to veto a portion of the items in an appropriation bill and to approve the rest; require that the property of all corporations, except those exclusively for religious, educational, or charitable purposes, shall be taxed; and provide for the election of a Lieutenant Governor.

PUBLIC FEELING ON THE TRIAL.

The "sensation" of yesterday was the appearance of Mr. BEECHER as a witness on his own behalf. Nothing very striking or with much bearing on the case was elicited from him; but his account of his earlier life and of his labors heightens the interest of the trial and will be read with eagerness. It is a strange, impressive sight to see this man, who not long since was regarded with a feeling akin to worship by more of his countrymen, probably, than ever had that feeling for one man, except in the cases of WASHINGTON and JACKSON and HENRY CLAY—to see him, whose eminence was a moral as well as an intellectual eminence, appear as the defendant in a case the least revolting, if not the least criminal part, of which is the specific offense with which he is charged by the plaintiff. For there is no need for refraining from allusion to the fact that on the supposition that Mr. BEECHER is guilty of the offense charged against him, the worst part of his whole conduct in that case, the acts which would indicate the most depravity, are those committed since the alleged crime for which he is now virtually on trial. "What," said a Congressman, on reaching his New-England home, to the venerable Pastor of his Congregational Church, "what do you think of this Beecher business, Dr. ——? I haven't been able to follow the trial." "Nor have I. I haven't wanted to. Its a dreadful business. It makes me sick to think of it." "What! do you think Mr. Beecher is guilty?" "Oh, no! I'm not at all sure of that. But I wish he were guilty, and that were all. It would be a cleaner thing."

It is to the credit of the community that a feeling somewhat akin to this is so very general. The recognition of the possibility of even a great and good man's erring, without thereby losing all his greatness, or even all his goodness, without therefore being degraded in his whole nature—the feeling of charity which would lead to the forgiveness of a sin candidly confessed and heartily repented of—is a manifestation of a healthy and Christian-like sentiment in the public mind. But the other feeling—that a sacrifice of honor, of truth, and of the happiness and reputations of half a dozen other men and women, in the endeavor to avoid such confession and repentance, is worse than the first offense, deepening and blackening it almost beyond the power of words to tell—this feeling is also healthy and not unchristian. Among the remarkable matters connected in one way or another with this trial, hardly any one has been more striking than the very different impression which the evidence has produced upon different individuals. We do not refer to those who were prejudiced beyond the power of evidence or argument before the trial began; neither to the blind Beecher-worshipers of Plymouth Church, nor to the ruck of shallow, unclean scoffers who rejoiced at seeing the reputation of an eminent preacher dragged through the mire in which they themselves were wallowing. We have in mind rather the thoughtful, the well-informed, the honorable-minded men who felt real pain when this scandal took a shape which compelled Mr. BEECHER to meet it, and who would all now gladly see him come out of it with his reputation as stainless as it was ten years ago. Upon this class of men it is remarkable that the evidence thus far, when they have read it carefully, has produced directly opposite impressions. You will meet two men who you would think could not disagree widely upon a question of evidence, and particularly when it was of a moral nature, who will yet hold diametrically opposite views of what the testimony has thus far established; one declaring that he sees no reason whatever to believe that the defendant committed the offense alleged; the other convinced beyond a doubt of his guilt. But, of course, all this was based upon a partly heard case.

The evidence is widely and attentively read; but men keep their minds unbiased. Even those who have formed an opinion as the trial has advanced have kept their feelings and their judgments cool; so that a very large proportion of those who have already come to some conclusion upon the evidence will declare that they are yet so unprejudiced that they could sit upon the jury to-morrow, and be ready to acquit or convict according to the weight of the testimony yet to be produced. This is also creditable to the condition of the public mind. The difference of conclusion arises largely from the moral quality of so much of the evidence. The facts sworn to are not bare facts as in most criminal trials or civil issues; they are looked upon in their moral bearing on the position of the plaintiff or the defendant. Therefore they take their tinge in the eye of judgment less from the merely logical aspect in which they would otherwise appear than from the moral and even the æsthetic nature of those who consider them. But this doubtful or disputed state of feeling is rapidly to be resolved into something more decided in character. Mr. BEECHER'S appearance as a witness is the climax of the case. When he leaves Mr. FULLERTON'S hands, his fate, in the mind of the general public, will be decided. And for our parts, we retain the hope that Mr. BEECHER will prove his innocence, for they are a bad lot with whom he has allowed his good name to be injuriously mixed up.

THE WINTER AT SEA.

Sailors who have succeeded in passing safely through the Winter of 1874-5 are not likely ever to forget it. While we, who at least have had houses to shelter us, were, day after day, complaining of the severity of the weather, they were completely at its mercy. Driven by favorable winds to within a day's run of their destinations, they have frequently been struck by hurricanes from off shore, and carried out to sea, the rigging of their ships a perfect mass of ice, to be mercilessly tossed about for weeks without adequate provisions. A very fair idea of the suffering incidental to this sort of ill luck may be derived from the experience of the schooner *Henry Means*, of Portland, Me. Bound from Portland to Charleston, S. C., with a cargo of hay, the gallant little vessel was so beset by storms, and so heavily borne down by ice, that she struggled in vain to reach her destination. After five weeks had been spent in the effort, her crew would ultimately have been frozen to death but for the life-saving system of the United States Government. Another case, of a more distressing nature, was that of the bark *Rebecca Goddard*, of Boston. On her return voyage from the west coast of Africa, she had reached a point within twenty miles of Boston on the 1st of February. Toward the afternoon of that day it began to blow a heavy gale from off the land, and in spite of all that could be done, she was carried out to sea, struggling under a crushing weight of ice. The clothing of the crew had become threadbare from long use. For twenty-one days the vessel labored heavily, and the men suffered untold torture. One poor fellow was frozen to death at the wheel. On the twenty-second day she came into New-York Harbor.

The horrible sufferings of the crew of the ill-fated Italian bark *Giovanni* would have been left to conjecture but for the almost miraculous escape of the steward. Driven to his wit's end to find shelter from the winds off Cape Cod, the unfortunate Captain at last determined to beach his vessel. When she was fast, he endeavored to reach the shore on a plank, and was drowned. Five of his men sought temporary safety in the rigging, where they were soon frozen to death. The sufferings of the brave fellows who, year after year, risk their lives to keep up the supply of fish in the markets of the country this season have passed all power of description. It would be impossible to convey anything like an adequate idea of the nature and extent of the physical torture they have endured in the long and almost hopeless battle with the ice. They have often been for weeks locked in its embrace, without either food or water, and driven to make fuel of every morsel of wood that could with safety be detached from their vessels. Soon we shall know the exact number of those who perished thus miserably. Had it not been for the perseverance of the United States revenue cutter *Gallatin*, the list of the lost would have been very much longer.

Among the valuable sailing ships saved by the good judgment of their Captains was the *James Foster, Jr.*, of the Black Ball Line. After fighting with a succession of heavy gales during an entire month, she at last got clear, and taking the most extreme southerly course, arrived in this City on the eightieth day of the voyage. But for the fact that the ships of this line are well provisioned, the story of the *James Foster, Jr.*, might have been one of the most shocking of the year. As it was, when she arrived in port only two days' rations remained. The most recent case of hardship and death, as the result of the severe weather, has been reported from Baltimore. It concerns an unlucky crew of Newfoundland wreckers who, after having boarded an ice-bound ship, were cut off from assistance by the parting of the ice-field near the shore. The first night seven of the number perished. The survivors returned to the ship and drifted about for nine days upon a diet of salt and molasses. They could not have existed many days longer without having had recourse to cannibalism.

Something should be said of the work of the life-saving stations along the coast line. The crews of these stations have not slept on beds of roses for several months past. The United States Treasury Department, seeing the need for having the system brought to the very highest state of perfection, has caused rigid inquiries to be instituted into all charges of negligence, and we are glad to say, in the interest of humanity, that the result, with one single exception, has in each case been exceedingly satisfactory. The charges arising out of the loss of the *Giovanni* were shown by the elaborate report of Capt. MERRYMAN, to have no foundation in fact. He declares that the conduct of the accused men was worthy of all praise. The single exception referred to was in the case of the crew of Station No. 21, on the Long Island Coast, near Fire Island light. They have just been dismissed from the service for having taken advantage of the keeper's permission to neglect patrol duty on the night of the 25th of February, because the wind was blowing off the land. The Secretary of the Treasury gives the sufficient reason for his action in regard to them, "that the men failed to show a proper sense of the humane purpose of their employment." If this spirit be maintained, the life-saving service of the United States will soon be equal to any in the world.

MINERS' RIOTS.

The present condition of the mining districts of Pennsylvania shows the combination of evils which may arise from the abuse of the union system. That system is acknowledged by the laws, and it is founded upon a principle which has come to be accepted as legitimate and sound. Men have a right to sell the labor of their hands just as they sell any tangible property that they possess. They have the right to get the highest price for it that they can; and also to refuse to give it for a lower price than they themselves may think it worth. In this respect a working man stands in exactly the same position as anybody else who has anything to dispose of. The error he commits is in supposing that he has privileges which belong to him exclusively. A grocer or a baker may sell his goods at any price that he pleases to fix, if the public will take them at that price. But he cannot go to his neighbor in the same trade and order him to sell his at the same price, or take the alternative of being shot. If any storekeeper were to adopt such a line of proceeding, he would very soon find himself in the power of the Police, and he would either have to learn that there is some force with the law in such cases, or be locked up as a lunatic.

The evil that has come from trades-unions is not a consequence of their legitimate use, but of the gross abuses to which they have been applied. If a combination among the bakers existed by which such a case as that we have mentioned were possible, and violence were appealed to in order to maintain a high price of bread, the working men—the same who are now members of trades-unions in their own interest—would be the first to protest against it. And if moral force were not sufficient to stop it, there is every likelihood that stronger measures would not be left untried. Yet, it is the same abuse of the power of combination which the miners in Pennsylvania are now guilty of, and which trades-unions everywhere more or less have adopted. The miners have a right to fix the minimum price which they will accept for their labor, and they have also the right to combine in order to maintain that price, and to strike work when they cannot get it. But there their rights cease. They have none whatever which entitle them to resort to violence, or to threaten others, or to prevent others from working at a lower rate than themselves. As soon as they attempt to do this the law should be found strong enough to deal with them as enemies of society, and to punish them summarily with all the rigor that such an offense demands.

Demagogues and professional agitators have done much to place the workingmen in a false position on these questions. They have talked about them as a contest between capital and labor, when, primarily, they are nothing of the kind. If they have come to assume that form, it is the agitators themselves who are responsible for it. If workingmen abuse their privileges they ought not to complain. Certainly they cannot wonder if employers also combine for their own protection. It is only then that the character of the contest becomes apparent. But even without any combination on the part of the capitalists, the evils that are wrought through the abuses we condemn are fully brought out. Workmen are too apt to calculate the cost of a strike on a basis of the money paid out of the union funds to maintain them in idleness. But this is only a fraction of the cost. The burden falls upon a much larger circle than is comprised by the limits of the union. It may extend over the trade of the entire country, and it would not be difficult to adduce instances where it has so extended. The loss affects the entire community more or less remotely. It may, too, affect the public revenues, and it often does so.

The question then plainly is, whether such a system should in the interests of the public be tolerated, or whether it should not be severely repressed. The country cannot afford to be disturbed and injured by such proceedings as those which are now making life and property unsafe in Pennsylvania. Let us by all means avoid all interference with the unions so long as they keep within their legitimate duties, but the moment they exceed them, the law must step in and punish offenders unflinchingly. If the workmen around Hazleton do not want to work, let them stop. But directly they begin to prevent other men from working, and take up arms to destroy the privileges which belong rightfully to their employers, they should be taken and punished. A salutary lesson in this direction is very much needed.

THE NATIONAL BANKS.

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH NEW BANKS—SURRENDERED CIRCULATION.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The Controller of the Currency has received twenty applications for national banks during the month of March, amounting to $1,770,000, of which amount $1,460,000 are from the Eastern and Middle States; $60,000 from the Southern, and $250,000 from the Western States. During the same month the amount of applications for increased circulation from banks now organized was $909,000, of which amount $819,000 was from the Eastern and Middle States and $90,000 from the Western States. The amount of legal-tender notes deposited for the purpose of surrendering bank circulation during the month of March was $2,818,417, of which amount $869,500 was surrendered by the State of New-York, $117,000 by New-Jersey, $135,000 by Kentucky, $1,024,700 by Illinois, and $290,600 by the State of Iowa. The total amount of legal-tender notes deposited with the Treasurer for the purpose of surrendering circulation since the passage of the act of June 20, 1874, is $17,296,037, of which amount $ 848,000 was deposited by the State of New-York, $297,000 by New-Jersey, $158,000 by Rhode Island; $150,000 by Pennsylvania, $166,000 by Maryland, $440,000 by West Virginia, $431,000 by South Carolina, $225,000 by Georgia, $644,000 by Louisiana, $222,000 by Kentucky, $220,000 by Tennessee, $2,520 by Missouri, $272,000 by Ohio, $834,000 by Indiana, $3,030,000 by Illinois, $261,000 by Michigan, $418,000 by Wisconsin, $534,000 by Iowa, $585,000 by Minnesota, $260,000 by Kansas, and $270,000 by Utah. The amount of National bank circulation issued during the month of March was $1,950,225, and from Jan. 14 to March 1, $1,606,375; total since the passage of the act of Jan. 14, 1875, $3,556,600. The amount of national bank notes surrendered and destroyed of banks which are in liquidation and which have deposited legal-tender notes since the passage of the act of Jan. 14, is $4,142,419.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

FOURTH AVENUE CARS.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

My attention has been called to an article in your paper of this morning in regard to transfer of passengers on City line cars of the New-York and Harlem Railroad Company. The order of the Superintendent would, perhaps, bear the construction put upon it by your correspondent, although such was not the intention, and I assure you that the patrons of the company will not be subjected to any unnecessary transfer. Very truly yours,

W. H. VANDERBILT, Vice President.

NEW-YORK CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Thursday, April 1, 1875.

SWINDLERS ON THEIR TRAVELS.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In this morning's edition you publish an account of a "confidence man" going about the City and swindling unsuspecting people out of small sums by asserting distant relationship, and then borrowing money to enable him to reach his home without walking. I do not know whether the Mr. W. C. Cartwright of your article be a veritable personage, or a fictitious name used to designate a type of people who are always ready to "gush" and fall an easy prey to the wiles of sharpers, but as the "confidence man" paid a visit to my office some time since, I cannot resist the temptation to tell you how he fared there.

I have a partner whose name is an exceedingly uncommon one. One fine morning some time since as my partner was seated at his desk in the office, in walked our "knight of the rueful countenance" and inquired, "Is this Mr. X.?" "It is, Sir," was the reply.

Then followed the disclosure that the visitor's name was "X." too, and as it was such an uncommon one he had taken the liberty of dropping in to see if a kinship could be traced. A long colloquy ensued, during which it dawned upon my partner that the only common ancestor between himself and the stranger was Adam, and his suspicions were aroused as to the visitor's real object in calling.

My partner is a man with a very keen sense of the ludicrous, but of a most imperturbable countenance, and nothing in his face or manner gave token of what was going on within. Finally, the stranger arose with a sigh of regret at not having established any relationship, and, in a ruminative sort of manner, remarked, "If you were going to walk to Syracuse how would you go?" My partner, with much interest, asked why he put such a question. It then transpired that the stranger had spent all his money during his stay in the City and would now be obliged to walk all the way home to Syracuse, *unless* he could raise the money for his car fare somehow. My partner was equal to the emergency. With a benevolent smile upon his countenance, which it was truly delightful to behold, he advised his impecunious visitor to walk up the Hudson River Railroad track to Albany, and then down the New-York Central Railroad track to Syracuse, adding that he must keep a bright look-out for trains on the way, particularly at night, and always get off the track when a train came along.

Shaking him cordially by the hand, and wishing him a safe and pleasant walk home, my partner bowed the stranger out of the office "a sadder and a wiser man."

H. M. L.

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, March 31, 1875.

A DISPUTED POINT.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The author of the special dispatch from Washington, under date of 25th, which appeared in THE TIMES of last Friday, is grossly in error as to the results of our recent conference with the department and of the examination made there of the calf-hair goods. He says that the delegation left Washington satisfied with the examination made and reconciled to the decision of the Treasury Department. On the contrary, we are still positive that we are right in holding the goods in question to contain no wool. Not only are we supported in this view by the sworn statements of the manufacturers of the goods, but by the decision of Prof. Torrey, an unquestioned expert, who, under instructions from the department, reported, some time since, upon the make of precisely the same kind of goods. We confess that the case recently before the courts resulted in a verdict against our views. But as the trial was held before a new Judge, but little familiar with the almost unfathomable mysteries of our tariff laws, and the jury was assisted to its decision through examinations made by Philadelphia experts in domestic goods, the result has in no wise altered our conviction. The manufacturer who makes, and we who import the goods, know better than anybody else what material is used in their making. We know that there is no wool in the calf-hair goods, and, convinced of this, we do not intend to let the matter rest upon the recent (as we believe) unjust decisions, but we do mean to persevere until we demonstrate our right, under the law, to bring calf-hair material into market upon payment of thirty-five per cent. ad valorem duty. Your correspondent's statement that the decision of the department will add at least $1,500,000 annually to the Customs revenue is clearly wrong—for the reason that if the new tariff is enforced it will prove entirely prohibitory. Calf-hair goods cannot be imported under the new duty, save at a great loss. Consequently, the Government, instead of receiving an additional duty, will fail to receive the duty it has heretofore been receiving under the old tariff upon these goods.

FRED. BUTTERFIELD, of Fred. Butterfield & Co.
D. MCKEEVER, of H. Hermann & Co.
HENRY GITTERMAN, of Sulzbacher, Gitterman & Wedeles.
MORRIS ARNOLD, of M. Arnold & Rothfeld.
NEW YORK, Tuesday, March 30, 1875.

CANADA.

THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT—MEETING OF PROHIBITION MEMBERS.

OTTAWA, Ontario, April 1.—In the House of Commons, last night, Mr. Blake moved a series of resolutions affirming the principle that the Government is responsible for advising the Governor-General to disallow the acts of the Provincial Legislatures, instead of allowing his Excellency to assume the individual responsibility.

The Premier said that the attention of the Imperial Government had been called to the matter, and the motion was withdrawn.

A petition, signed by a large number of members, was presented to the House asking for the abolition of Sunday traffic on all Canadian canals.

An item of $800,000 for changing the gauge on the Intercolonial Railway was passed.

OTTAWA, Ontario, April 1.—The members of Parliament favorable to prohibition held a meeting and appointed a committee to make arrangements for holding a general assembly of temperance delegates at Montreal next September.

JUDGMENT AGAINST FATHER BLANCHARD—THE MILITIA SERVICE.

MONTREAL, April 1.—In the Court of Review judgment has been rendered in the case of De Richer vs. Rev. Father Blanchard. The case arose from the defendant having made damaging remarks concerning Richer from the pulpit, which tended to injure his trade. The court condemned Father Blanchard to pay $1 damages with costs.

The South-eastern Railway has been leased to the Passumpsic and Connecticut River Railway for one year.

It is now stated on good military authority that only four officers and staff from different branches of the service will be sent to Canada from England to drill the militia.

HON. A. G. BANNATYNE ELECTED TO RIEL'S SEAT IN PARLIAMENT.

FORT GARRY, Manitoba, April 1.—Hon. A. G. Bannatyne has been elected by acclamation to the Dominion Parliament for the seat rendered vacant by the expulsion of Riel.

The Governor, in a speech from the throne, said that the income of the Province being wholly inadequate, negotiations with the Privy Council were in progress to place Manitoba on a better footing.

The Legislature will be asked to unite in an address making known their views with regard to the railway routes to be chosen for the Canada Pacific and Pembina branch.

CONNECTICUT POLITICS.

CONGRESSMAN BARNUM'S BACK PAY.

A TREASURY CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO HIM MARCH 10, 1873, FOR $4,704, AND THE MONEY PAID ON IT THE SAME DAY—THE MONEY RETURNED ONLY WITHIN TWO OR THREE DAYS—THE TREASURY BOOKS ON MARCH 29, 1875, SHOWED THAT THE BACK PAY HAD BEEN TAKEN BY HIM, AND THAT HIS COMPENSATION FOR THE FORTY-SECOND CONGRESS WAS $15,000.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The certificate which Congressman Barnum, of Connecticut, has procured from Treasurer Spinner relative to his back pay, while strictly true so far as it goes, falls so far short of conveying the whole truth that it is no better than a downright falsehood. The character of Mr. Barnum's proceedings in this matter is thoroughly characteristic of the man, who is a political juggler of the most dextrous kind. This back-pay business is like his action in voting for Tom Scott's subsidy in committee, and then voting against it in the House when he found it was defeated. He was always counted upon by the Scott people last Winter as one of their most trusty adherents, and they well understood that they would have his vote in the House as well as in committee, if it would save their bill. The statement made of this back-pay matter by the New-Haven correspondent of THE TIMES is absolutely true, so far as the books of the Treasury Department here are evidence in the case. The records here show that certificate No. 6,200, for $4,700, was issued to W. H. Barnum, and that the money was paid on that identical certificate March 10, 1873. On the 25th of March, 1875, Mr. Upton, in charge of the independent Treasury here, after a careful examination, certified that the books showed that Mr. Barnum had been paid the additional sum of $4,704 on March 10, 1873, and that that sum made the amount paid him for services as a member of the Forty-second Congress foot up $15,000. Whether Barnum had the amount of his back pay in his pocket or not, it is shown by the Treasury accounts that it has not been in the United States Treasury since March, 1873. Mr. Barnum, finding himself in danger of detection, has within the past two or three days had his money covered into the general fund of the Treasury. So Spinner's certificate is true. The affair has been managed very secretly. It is understood that a special agent came from Connecticut for Barnum, but his name cannot be learned. The attempt was made to put Barnum before the people of Connecticut in the same position as the Republican members, but it has failed, and the miserable fraud has been exposed. It seems he claims not to have had the money. The Treasury books show it was not in the Treasury. There is only one way of explaining this. He may have taken a Treasury draft and left it in the safe of the Sergeant at Arms waiting for more peaceful days to change the draft for greenbacks. If this is so, Mr. Barnum can answer to the fact.

HON. S. S. COX ADDRESSES THE DEMOCRACY OF HARTFORD.

CHILLY RECEPTION OF THE MERCURIAL CONGRESSMAN—HE MISTAKES THE TONE OF HIS AUDIENCE—BLUNDERING INTO HERESIES IN FINANCE AND POLITICS—THE DEMOCRATS RATHER DEMORALIZED BY THE BACK-PAY REVELATION UPON MR. BARNUM.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

HARTFORD, Conn., April 1.—The announcement that Hon. S. S. Cox would speak, aided by a brass band, was sufficient to fill Allyn Hall to-night. Everybody expected to be entertained, and they were not disappointed. Mr. Cox made one of his characteristic speeches, bristling with humor and with those flights of fervency which have so often been mistaken for eloquence, for which he is noted. He began, of course, by praising the people to whom he was speaking, for all stumpers are sure to do that. But Mr. Cox did it a little more than usual. Not content with expressing his admiration of their thrift and industry and recounting a long list of their manufactures, he dropped into history a little, and beginning with 1611 came down by slow degrees to convince himself that they were a liberty-loving race, and could not possibly be in favor of the Force bill, which in this early stage of his discourse he seemed to imagine was a law of the land. Having got through with all this he proceeded to knock Mr. Eaton on the head in the most ungentlemanly way, by declaring that the States are not independent, but are inter-dependent, which is such flat heresy that it was coldly received by the Connecticut Democrats. But Mr. Cox went further. He told these Democrats that they could not throw off their Federal relations if they would, for they were bound in the same bundle with Louisiana and Arkansas, which so astonished them that they were dumb. The interests of all the States were alike in the Union, and he was proud that he made the first speech in the American Congress against secession. All this seemed somewhat impalatable to his hearers, but not nearly so much so as his ideas on free trade, which he next advanced. He began by saying that he did not mean to say he was favor of absolute free trade, but he went on to quote statistics and make statements which would have come with good grace from the most thorough-paced of absolute free-traders, and he sought to make his hearers believe that the nation had lost over $1,000,000,000 during the last seven years, because of the protective tariff. In justice to Mr. Cox, it must be admitted that he gave his audience the benefit of variety, and rambled about from one topic to another, without much regard to coherency. Dropping the tariff he took up reconstruction and found a loss of $6,000,000,000 more, because the Radicals did not acquiese in Andrew Johnson's policy, the loss, of course, being the diminished production of the South because of intestine troubles. Then the Speaker took up the Republican Congressmen, and having passed lightly over Gen. Hawley, abused Starkweather and Kellogg, but especially to the latter, and apparently because he was, in the opinion of Mr. Cox, the father of civil service reform. After this episode, during which he got off a Chinese quotation to the great astonishment of the unwashed before him, Mr. Cox went back to Gen. Hawley in connection with the Civil Rights bill, and here he announced the only political doctrines to be found in his entire speech. The Civil Rights bill, he said, was clearly unconstitutional, and would, he was convinced, be so held by the courts. He was aware that Gen. Hawley and others justified their votes for it by the recently adopted constitutional amendments, but it was just here they made their mistake. These amendments, he said, gave no power to the federal Government, but merely placed a proeibition upon the power of the States. If Congress could say what kind of guests a hotel should receive it could also prescribe the bill of fare or do any other nonsense. This portion of the speech had the merit of novelty, and as it, moreover, showed the Democrats how the "nigger" could be kept down, it was vociferously applauded. The Force bill, Louisiana, and Arkansas, of course, had due attention, and Mr. Cox proved to his own satisfaction that all the legislation secured or attempted in the Senate meant third-term and nothing else.

He then indulged in a long and somewhat fervent discussion on the sacred mountains to prove the horrible iniquity of the force bill, because it was not founded on the sermon on the mount. He then delivered a eulogy upon Magna Charta and enjoining on his hearers to preserve the liberties which, it seemed, they had inherited from Stephen Langdon, Archbishop of Canterbury, by voting the Democratic ticket on Monday. Mr. Cox finished his speech and his audience at the same time. The audience lingered long enough to be informed by Mr. Burr that the Radicals would never be heard of again in Connecticut after Monday. Notwithstanding these boasts the Democrats do not feel altogether happy. Cleveland's defection and Barnum's back pay are troubling them.

THE BARNUM BACK-PAY GRAB.

Concerning the latter there has been another development. There is no doubt that the back pay get into the Treasury, and wholly out of Barnum's reach, but the interesting question now is when did it get there. Mr. Barnum has apparently become excited in relation to this matter, and, in addition to the strange certificate published yesterday, now gives the following equally singular letter bearing same date with the certificate:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C., March 30, 1875.

Hon. William H. Barnum:

DEAR SIR: In reply to your telegram asking why the amount of the retroactive or back pay, which would have been due you, had not been carried into the Treasury, I would say that it was drawn from the salary fund upon a certificate which you previously signed to enable this office to draw your monthly pay; and, although you had frequently informed me you did not intend to accept, I did not understand the exact disposition you intended to make of it until your positive order to cover it into the general fund of the Treasury, which order has been complied with, and the United States Treasury receipt is inclosed herewith. I will add that the amount due nearly all who at different times covered their back pay into the general fund of the Treasury, was drawn from the salary fund at the same time yours was drawn.

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

N. G. ORDWAY,

Sergeant at Arms House of Representatives.

There are those who are so skeptical as to say that, so far from settling the matter, this letter proves that up to Tuesday last Mr. Barnum had not full control of his back pay, but had given no orders concerning its disposition. There is anxiety to know the date of that telegram of receipt which was inclosed "herewith." It is possible that Mr. Barnum has been wronged in this matter, but it is the general opinon that he can easily place himself right by the simple expedient of giving the public the date when his back pay was absolutely covered into the Treasury and placed wholly out of his reach. It is well known there are some members who left the matter in such shape they can take this money at any time, and it yet remains for Mr. Barnum to show that up to Tuesday last he was not one of them. According to the evidence now at hand it will be extremely difficult for him to do it, for to-night the statement is published of William O. Avery, Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department, to the effect that Barnum's certificate for his back pay was returned to the Treasury on March 30, 1875, or last Tuesday. Unless Mr. Barnum can controvert this direct evidence, he stands convicted of having kept his share of the spoils within his control for over two years, and of having been at last only frightened into honesty.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE GYPSY ORCHESTRA.

An orchestra of fourteen performers, calling themselves "the National Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra of Vienna," gave a concert at Steinway Hall, yesterday evening. They include four first violins, two second violins, two violas, a 'cello, two double basses, and a cymbal, the latter instrument, by the way, being a sort of xylophone, with a compass of three octaves, and they play compositions which are claimed to be representative of Hungarian music. We cannot help expressing the opinion that if their first performance is a fair specimen of their work, neither the orchestra's repertoire nor the interpretation thereof is very attractive or instructive. The two *csardas*, the march, and the solo heard last evening were interesting, insomuch as they were exceedingly eccentric in rhythm and modulation, but to say that they were particularly pleasing to the ear, or interesting as a form of national music would indicate more imagination than truthfulness on the part of the writer. The compositions recited were undoubtedly novel, but if an endless series of dissonances, a *tempo rubato* of the most annoying mutability, and a persistent *forte*, only relieved by a frequent *fortissimo*, are the notable traits of Hungary's music, we fancy that Brahms and Liszt have done more for the country's reputation than its old masters. The execution of the band was quite spirited, but coarse, and while we were gratified, for variety's sake, at the rendering of a waltz of Strauss and overtures by Meyerbeer and Verdi, the small and oddly-balanced instrumental forces were naturally unable to do these numbers justice. There was much applause during the evening, and a violin solo of the most whimsical description, written and interpreted by Mr. Farkas Miska, the leader of the orchestra, and the composer of all the Hungarian music given last night, was among several selections which had to be repeated. The second entertainment may be attended Satuday evening.

THE ENGLISH OPERA.

"Maritana" was last evening recited at the Academy of Music, for the benefit of Mme. Van Zandt. Mme. Van Zandt is an artist of great talent, and she sings the music allotted to *Maritana* with infinite expression and skill. The opera itself is a delightful work, brimming with melody and admirably treated as to the instrumentation, and hence it is to be regretted that it should be given so rarely. It will not be performed again, we fear, this season. Last night it was particularly effective, for Mrs. Zelda Seguin, in compliment to the *bénéficiaire*, sang *Lazarillo*, and presented a personation which lyrically and dramatically can certainly not be excelled. Mr. Castle, as usual, was *Don Cæsar*, and was in notably good voice, and Mr. Carleton portrayed *Don José*. To-night Miss Kellogg appears in "Mignon."

WALLACK'S THEATRE.

"The Romance of a Poor Young Man" was last evening reproduced at Wallack's Theatre with the same powerful distribution of which due mention was made before "The Shaughraun" was brought out. The revival of the play—a play full of interest, and containing some passages of great power—attracted a large audience, and the representation progressed and closed amid the manifestations of pleasure which a symmetrical and finished rendering of an excellent piece never fails to elicit. We append the complete cast:

Manuel	Mr. H. J. Montague
Dr. Besmarets	Mr. John Gilbert
M. De Devaunes	Mr. J. B. Polk
Gasper Laroque	Mr. J. W. Carroll
Aimin	Mrs. E. M. Holland
M. Nourel	Mr. G. P. Browne
Yvonnet	Mr. C. E. Edwin
Henri	Mr. J. Peck
Louis	Mr. J. F. Josephs
Francois	Mr. C. Atkins
Marguerite	Miss Ada Dyas
Mme. Laroque	Mme Ponisi
Mme. Aubry	Miss Effie Germon
Mlle. Heloure	Miss Ione Burke
Louise Van Aerver	Mrs. John Sefton
Christine	Miss Mabel Leonard

BREAK OF THE ICE-GORGES.

THE APPREHENDED DANGER FROM THE ICE PAST.

THE PENNSYLVANIA RIVERS ALMOST FREE FROM ICE—THE BROKEN UP GORGE ICE IN THE WEST BRANCH OF THE SUSQUEHANNA PASSING OVER THE DAMS AND UNDER THE BRIDGES WITHOUT DAMAGE—GREAT RELIEF OF THE PEOPLE—THE RIVERS GREATLY SWOLLEN.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

RENOVO, Penn., April 1.—There is not a vestige of ice on the river at this point. The Glen Union gorge moved at 5 o'clock this morning without creating any damage. At Fernoy the water has receded from the tracks of the Philadelphia and Erie Road. No serious interruption to travel was caused by the temporary flood, nor was the track injured.

PROGRESS OF THE GLEN UNION ICE—VALUABLE LUMBER FLOATED AWAY.

LOCK HAVEN, Penn., April 1.—The Glen Union ice, which moved over Queen's Run Dam above here at 6 o'clock this morning, passed safely over the dam at this point about 8 o'clock, without gorging and without injury to the lumber boom. A great deal of valuable lumber, which had remained in the river late last Fall, and had been frozen in all Winter, came down with the ice, and will probably be a total loss. The ice, although broken into small pieces was so thick that no attempt could be made to extricate the logs. There is no longer any danger from ice to this town, but it is expected that the Spring freshets will prove more disastrous than usual, owing to the great depth of snow on the mountains and the height of the water in the river.

THE RIVER AT WILLIAMSPORT FOURTEEN FEET ABOVE LOW-WATER MARK.

WILLIAMSPORT, Penn., April 1.—About 11 o'clock this forenoon the ice from the Glen Union gorge began to pass this town. There being no obstruction on the river, it floated rapidly down without gorging. There is a general feeling of relief in the town, and much gratitude to the prominent lumbermen is expressed for their prompt action in cutting a channel by which the ice gorged higher up the river could obtain passage. The cutting of this channel weakened the stationary ice, and when the warm weather set in it easily broke it, clearing the way for the heavy ice above and thus preventing the threatened flood. The river is now fourteen feet above low-water mark.

It is estimated that 2,000,000 feet, or about $25,000 worth of lumber has been carried away by the ice. Most of this will be lost.

THE FLOOD AT LEWISBURG—HOUSES VACATED—THE RIVER FALLING.

LEWISBURG, Penn., April 1.—The most serious damage done on the West Branch occurred in this vicinity. When the gorge between Watsontown and Milton moved much alarm was created, here. The people deserted the houses near the river as has already been stated in THE TIMES dispatches. At Housel's Run, about a mile higher up, the gorge rested, and backed the water over the banks of that tributary of the Susquehanna, to the village of Montandon, which is situated on low, flat land, about a mile from the north bank of the West Branch. Very few houses in the village escapea. The church, school-house, and hotel were flooded as high as the first story. Yesterday there was three feet of water on the main street, and a raft ferry was running between the railroad depot and the hotel.

After resting a short time above Lewisburg, the gorge swept past the town, carrying with it half of a large warehouse built on the bank of the river. Immense blocks of ice drifted into a small cove opposite the town, and are now piled up at that point to the height of fifty feet. The warehouse spoken of fortunately contained only three or four boats, belonging to the students of the Lewisburg Baptist University. Fears were entertained that the Lewisburg railroad bridge would go, but the ice moved as above stated to the boom of the Susquehanna Boom Company before gorging again. The water then commenced to back up rapidly. At Lewisburg the people left their houses in the lower part of the town hastily, but not a moment too soon. At 2 o'clock this morning the water wanted only two feet of being as high as it was during the great flood of 1865. A partial break in the gorge below prevented the water from reaching beyond the lower part of the town.

This forenoon there was a good deal of excitement among the people, owing to a rumor that the Glen Union ice was coming down the river in large masses. Fortunately the gorge at Chilisquaque broke at 1:45 in the afternoon, before the arrival of the Glen Union ice.

The river is now falling, and as the Glen Union ice has arrived and is passing under the bridge safely, no further danger is apprehended. On the north bank of the river, opposite Lewisburg, several houses were flooded beyond the first story, and among others the Washington House. It is expected that all the ice will be out of the West Branch to-night.

THE ICE IN THE NORTH BRANCH MOVING FROM BINGHAMTON DOWN.

BINGHAMTON, April 1.—There is a small freshet in the rivers at this point, and the ice is moving again. The Hooper gorge went this morning, without doing any damage. The Great Bend or Bed Rock gorge has also gone without damage.

WILKESBARRE, Penn., April 1—12:45 P. M.—News has just reached here that the Big Island ice, above Oswego, started out at 3 o'clock this morning, reaching Towanda at 9 o'clock. It is moving at the rate of five miles an hour, and will reach here about an hour after midnight. The river is rising slowly again.

THE BREAK-UP IN THE NORTH BRANCH OF THE SUSQUEHANNA—HEAVY STRAIN ON THE BRIDGE AT WILKESBARRE—THE CHARRED WRECKS OF THE PITTSTON BRIDGES STRIKE THEM WITHOUT SERIOUSLY DAMAGING THEM.

WILKESBARRE, Penn., April 1.—The ice-gorge, which has been such a terror to the Wyoming Valley for more than two weeks, began to move out at 4:10 this afternoon. The whole population of the city flocked to the river banks to see the grand sight.

The upper end of the gorge passed here at 6 o'clock, moving at the rate of five miles an hour. It presented a grand spectacle, and many thousands of people viewed it from the banks and house-tops, and when it was seen that the gorge was going without doing any damage, they expressed their gratification by hearty cheers. The bridge here and the railroad bridge above Plymouth are now safe; but the piers of both were severely tried. Great cakes of ice, many rods in area, were dashed against them, and were broken into small pieces. The blackened remains of the old Pittston bridge could be traced for a long distance before they reached here. They were hurled with immense force against one of the piers. The crash was terrific, and the people on the bridge thought that the pier was swept away and made a rush for the bank. The mass of partly burned timbers, however, was split in two and went scraping along on each side of the piers, sending up a blinding cloud of black dust. The pier was somewhat shattered and could not have stood much more. The wisdom of destroying the Pittston bridges was to-day apparent to every one. Had it not been done this bridge and those at Plymouth and Nanticoke would have been carried away. The gorge carried along with it several ferry-boats, a quantity of lumber, and a great mass of drift-wood.

The people of Wilkesbarre and Kingston breathe freer to-night, and are congratulating each other upon their deliverance from the long expected inundation. For over two weeks the gorge has been an object of terror before their eyes, and the relief at its quiet exit cannot be told.

Last night the citizens of Kingston were aroused from their slumbers by the ringing of bells and cries of "The water is coming." They rushed hurriedly, and the darkness being so great as to prevent their going any distance, they imagined the roar of the waters to be very near, and the utmost consternation prevailed. Shortly, however, some clear-headed men measured the water and found it was receding, and announced that the alarm was a 1st of April hoax.

A construction train on the Lehigh Valley Railroad was caught near Swinging Bridge this afternoon by the first movement of the ice, and locked in so that it could move in neither direction. The men, sixteen in number, who were with the train, got on the engine, and amid fear and excitement waited until the ice moved away and freed them from their perilous position.

The river has fallen rapidly since the gorge passed, and at 9 o'clock this evening stood at eighteen feet above low-water mark. The water is running off the Flats very fast, and it will be but a day or two before direct communication can be had with Kingston again. Trains will probably be run through on the Lehigh Valley Road to-morrow. No further danger is apprehended. The Owego ice will probably reach here toward morning, but will be broken and ground into such small pieces that it will do no damage.

PASSAGE OF THE ICE INTO THE MAIN STREAM FROM THE BRANCHES.

SUNBURY, Penn., April 1.—The ice gorges in the North and West Branches above here broke about noon, and are now passing this point without damage.

1 P. M.—The river is rising very fast, but the worst is over.

THE ICE GORGES OF THE LACKAWAXEN MOVED OUT.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., April 1.—The ice gorges in the Lackawaxen passed out early this morning without doing any damage. The rivers are all clear now, and the apprehensions of the people quieted. The Delaware is now five feet above rafting stage, and still rising. Telegraphic communication between here and points down the river is interrupted, and there is no news from there, but it is the general impression that the gorge at Dingman has moved. A part of the trestle work under the Erie Railway bridge at Saw Mill Rift was carried away, but travel is unobstructed.

THE GREAT GORGE IN THE DELAWARE WATER GAP BROKEN UP AND FLOATED AWAY WITHOUT DAMAGE.

WATER GAP, Penn., April 1.—The ice commenced moving at 12:10 P. M., and immediately gorged in the Water Gap, remaining thus a half hour, until the back water and the main body of the gorge above reached here, when it broke through, and has since continued to pass on safely, doing no damage whatever. The fact that the ice did stop produced great consternation. All trains on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad were ordered to stop running, and the citizens commenced to move their furniture. Confidence was restored, however, on perceiving that the ice was moving on notwithstanding that the water rose very rapidly and covered the flat lands in the vicinity. At the present moment an immense body of ice is moving down the river, but no fears are entertained that it will stop again. The trains are now running regularly.

THE DELAWARE AT EASTON RISING RAPIDLY—FEARS FOR THE SAFETY OF THE WHARVES ON THE LEHIGH.

EASTON, Penn., April 1.—The Delaware has risen ten feet during the day at this place. The ice from Shoemaker's Eddy is now passing very thick and rapidly. The water is eighteen feet above low-water mark, and seven feet from the bottom of the bridge connecting Easton and Phillipsburg, and much excitement prevails. The high water in the Delaware is backing up the Lehigh, which must overflow its banks, and will cause much destruction along the wharves. The water has overflowed the Lehigh Canal Basin, and should the ice get over the basin wall, the Delaware Canal weigh-locks will be torn away. The river banks are lined with people, many bonfires have been lit at various points, and their reflection adds to the grand scene of roaring water and ice as it goes rushing by. The river is now rising very rapidly.

THE ICE IN BUFFALO HARBOR GONE OUT.

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 1.—The ice went out of the Buffalo River early this forenoon without damage to persons or property, greatly to the surprise of the residents.

LOSS OF PROPERTY BY ICE-GORGES IN THE WEST.

DETROIT, April 1.—The ice in the Grand River commenced breaking up to-day. Great damage is anticipated. One wooden and four iron bridges have been carried away at Lansing, involving a loss of $50,000.

DAMAGING FLOOD AT COLLINGWOOD, ONTARIO.

COLLINGWOOD, Ontario, April 1.—The eastern and western parts of this city are completely flooded. The Post Office and railway station are inaccessible. The railway track is washed away in several places north and south and trains cannot come within half a mile of the station. Boucher's mill-dam and several bridges have been carried away. The damage to property is very great. The sudden rise of the water is attributed to the overflowing of Pretty River.

MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED INDORSING THE GOVERNOR'S CANAL POLICY, AND THE PROPOSITION TO REDUCE THE TOLLS.

At the monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, yesterday, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Gov. Tilden, true to his honorable record against the fraudulent Ring officials of this City, has now placed the citizens of our whole State under lasting obligations by his bold and masterly exposure of the enormous frauds connected with the administration of the New-York canals.

Resolved, That this Chamber, as the oldest commercial organization of the State, and the one expressly authorized by charter to speak in the name of its entire commercial interests, feels especially called upon to express its gratitude to the Governor for his fearless and vigorous effort to arrest these frauds, so discreditable to the character of our State, and so injurious to its commercial interests. His effort deserves the commendation and hearty support of every citizen of the State.

Resolved, That this special Message of the Governor on "canal frauds" is in perfect harmony with the views he expressed in his annual Message. In that document he manifested broad and accurate knowledge in relation to the present condition of the canals, clearly pointed out their defects, and suggested the remedies that he deemed essential to their increased efficiency and productiveness, and also to the integrity and economy of their administration. Among the remedies he suggests are a proper disposition of the unproductive lateral canals, the securing a uniform depth of seven feet in the waterway of the Erie Canal, and modifications in the present plan of administering them.

Resolved, That in the judgment of the Chamber it is absolutely essential to the efficient management of these canals that this department of the State Government should be under the control of a single executive head, appointed by the Governor and Senate, and removable at the pleasure of the Governor, with power to appoint and remove his subordinates, and who alone should be held responsible for the proper management of the canals. All experience goes to prove that this is the only safe method of securing efficiency, fidelity, and economy in the administration of public affairs.

Resolved, That this chamber will watch with deep interest the progress of this praiseworthy effort of the Governor to secure perfect integrity in the Canal Department, and will aid that effort by all proper means within its power.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, duly attested by the officers of the chamber, be forwarded to his Excellency Gov. Tilden.

Mr. Samuel B. Ruggles offered resolutions as follows:

Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New-York cordially approve the recent proposition of the Canal Board to the Legislature to reduce the toll on wheat and flour thirty-three and one-third per cent.

Resolved, That copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the officers of the Chamber, be transmitted to the Senate and Assembly.

Mr. Ruggles said that he had predicted forty years ago that wheat would be eventually carried on the canals at a toll of two cents per bushel, and he was rejoiced to see that the present Canal Board had made this proposition. In advocating a reduction of tolls, with a firm conviction that it would greatly increase the revenues of the State, he had made many enemies, and was finally ostracised from his party. With a toll on wheat of only two cents, $60 could be saved to the canal-board. This was enough to pay the greater part of its running expenses, and the number of boats now on the canals will be doubled. Business would be increased, and the State would be a gainer by tolls in the end. The resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Col. Frederick A. Conkling, it was resolved that the Secretary transmit to each of the members of the Senate and Assembly a copy of the report on the canals by the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce on Railways and Canals.

THE MINING RIOTS.

THE MILITARY ORDERED TO HOLD THEMSELVES IN READINESS.

GOV. HARTRANFT'S MEASURES TO PRESERVE THE PEACE—CONSULTATION WITH GEN. SIEGFRIED—GEN. OSBORNE TO ASSUME COMMAND—THE RIOTERS TO BE CALLED UPON TO DISPERSE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

HARRISBURG, Penn., April 1.—Major Gen. Siegfried, commanding the Fourth Division of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, visited this city last night, and held a conference with Gov. Hartranft on the subject of the disturbances in the Schuylkill and Northumberland coal regions. One of the results of that conference was the issuing of General Order No. 1, bearing date April 1, calling on commanding officers of companies of the National Guard in this division to notify their men that their services may be required, and to hold themselves in readiness to respond at a moment's notice to a call to active duty. Company commanders are also ordered to prevent the appearance of their men, armed or uniformed, either at the armory or on the streets until positive orders are given to assemble. It was expected that the civil officers of the disturbed regions would be able to preserve the peace, but the latest dispatches received here from the scenes of the disturbances indicate that those expectations were not well founded, hence the cautionary order of to-day.

Gen. Osborne, who commanded the military on the occasion of the disturbances at Susquehanna Depot, will arrive here to-morrow and assume command. The Governor will to-morrow issue a proclamation calling on the rioters to disperse. This document contains substantially the same sentiments expressed by the Governor in his admirable dispatch to the Susquehanna rioters.

A delegation of coal-operators arrived here from Luzerne to-day, and another is expected from Ashland to-morrow, whose object is to secure the services of the military. The reports from the scenes of disorder are very contradictory, so that a proper idea of the real state of affairs can hardly be obtained. It is to be hoped that there may be no occasion for the interference of the military, as, should their presence be necessary, blood will be likely to be spilled before the troubles are settled. It is the determination of the Governor to act with energy and decision in case the necessity arises, and there is danger that an example will be made of these disturbers of the public peace.

Although the Governor has not yet fully recovered his health, he receives the officers and others at the Executive Mansion. He is kept thoroughly acquainted with all that is transpiring, and will not fail to display his judgment and energy in case of emergency.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DISAFFECTED DISTRICT.

THE RESORT OF THE WORST CLASSES OF THE MINING FRATERNITY—THE RIOTERS CONFINE THEMSELVES PRINCIPALLY TO ACTS OF MALICIOUS MISCHIEF—RUMORS OF VIOLENCE—A DEADLY CONFLICT FEARED—ALL QUIET UP TO MIDNIGHT.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

POTTSVILLE, Penn., April 1.—This county today has been in a state of great excitement over the outbreaks of last night. This morning men felt that the crisis so long looked for had at last arrived, and nerved themselves to meet the worst. As the day wore on, however, and few new acts of violence were reported, they became somewhat reassured, and to-night the excitement has given place to a calm but keen watching for the next act in the drama of terrorism. A glance at the locality where the troubles have been occurring will help to give an idea of their nature and importance. Near Ashland, twelve miles north of this place, is a point where the three counties of Schuylkill, Columbia, and Northumberland join. It is in the heart of the coal-fields north of the Broad Mountain, and is thickly set with collieries and colliery towns—a cheerless region, grimy with coal dirt, the earth shorn of its trees to use in the mines, and covered only with rocks and bushes, save for an occasional potato patch or a strip of swampy forest. The dwellings of the people are squalid and dirty, for though the houses built by the various coal companies are good and substantial, they soon take on the same unkempt, bedraggled appearance that characterizes their inmates. This region is the favorite resort of the worst classes of the mining population. It is a border land which those who have frequent occasion to dodge the Sheriff find very convenient for their purposes, as they can easily step over into another county until the danger is past. It is this class of characters who have been making the disturbances—reckless, impulsive men, who consider the present crisis a fine opportunity for mischief, and when they have drunk enough whisky to excite them are ready for anything. It was a glorious lark for them to stop a freight train a night or two ago, drive away the crew, and do malicious mischief to the engine. Yesterday, and again to-day, a hundred or more of them boarded a freight train, and swore they were going to have a free ride, just for the fun of the thing. When the ride was finished they went off peaceably enough In fact, malicious mischief is about the heaviest charge that can be brought against them so far, for the shooting at Chief Burgess Gensell, of Ashland, last night, was done in a drunken row, and without any special aim having been taken at him.

Another instance occurred this morning at Excelsior, a colliery town in the same region. Two freight cars which had been left on a siding, one loaded and the other empty, were fired by some incendiaries. The empty one was burned and the other run down a grade to a place of safety by another party, when a man was seen to come out from the bushes near by and make another attempt to fire it. The approach of an engine power frightened him away and the car was saved. A bolder act, and the only one so far that really rises to the dignity of a high crime, was the attempt to wreck passenger train No. 3 on the Philadelphia and Reading Road last night. This is now proved to have been deliberately planned beforehand, and a large stone was rolled down the mountain side just in time to strike the rear car, fortunately, without throwing it off the track. As for the strike, it is as unyielding as ever, and is even spreading. A number of men who remained at work up to-to-day threw down their tools this morning and joined the strikers. Threats are freely used, and all sorts of rumors are afloat of violence to be done in the near future, but measures are being taken to repress all disorder as promptly as it arises. The Sheriff of this county to-day, in obedience to the order of Gov. Hartranft, issued his proclamation, commanding all persons to desist from interfering with those who are willing to work, or to employ labor, and commanding all Justices of the Peace, Constables, and Policemen to arrest persons so interfering. In case this proclamation does not have the desired effect, as it probably will not, arrangements have been made to call out the State militia, several companies of whom have received orders to hold themselves in readiness. The calling out of the troops, it is generally thought, cannot fail to precipitate a collision with the men who will sternly resist any such attempt to coerce them, so that if these extreme measures become necessary, it is almost certain that blood will flow. At the same time the men declare their determination to permit no blacklegs to work.

Midnight.—It was feared that with the coming of night the deeds of darkness would be resumed, especially as the region to-night is in a defenseless state, the special Police brought here to preserve order having gone home last night, but up to this hour, though we are in telegraphic communication with all parts of the region, nothing new has been reported.

THE REIGN OF TERROR AT UPPER LEHIGH—FATAL RIOTING AT ASHLAND.

HAZLETON, Penn., April 1.—The excitement at Upper Lehigh yesterday during the raid of the miners was intense, and while they remained there was a perfect reign of terror. It seems they divided their forces before entering town, some coming in at the east and others at the west end, thus cutting off the retreat of the citizens. Shots were fired indiscriminately, and many of the rioters were intoxicated. At the hotel violent demonstrations were made; the ruffians went through the house endeavoring to force the landlord and boarders to join their ranks. Some of the inmates of the hotel took refuge in the cellar, while others escaped through a back door. The company's store was attacked and shots were fired into the building, but the Superintendent and clerks escaped. Persons riding along the highway were stopped and fired upon when they refused to join the rioters. The mob expected from Schuylkill did not reach Audenried. Riots are reported at Ashland, with the loss of several lives. All is quiet here this morning, the action of the Sheriff having had a wholesome effect.

THE TROUBLES IN THE HAZLETON COAL REGION.

WILKESBARRE, Penn., April 1.—The troubles in the Hazleton coal region are yet threatening, and fear is expressed that outbreaks may occur among the strikers in other places. It will undoubtedly be necessary to call out the military if the raiders do not disband and give up their arms. A majority of them have muskets in their possession. Major Gen. Osborne, commanding the Ninth Division of the National Guard, was ordered to-day by Gov. Hartranft to Harrisburg, and leaves here on the midnight train for that place.

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FANSHAWE—JEROME.—On Tuesday, March 30, at the residence of the bride's mother, by Rev. R. R. Booth, WILLIAM S. FANSHAWE to JESSIE, daughter of Julia G. and the late Addison G. Jerome, all of this City.

ROSS—GAMBLE.—On the 31st March, at the Church of the Holy Communion, by Rev. Dr. Lawrence, assisted by Rev. R. Heber Newton, WM. A. ROSS to ANNA E., daughter of Arthur Gamble, all of New-York.

DIED.

BELKNAP.—On Thursday, April 1, Miss MARGARET BELKNAP.

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SAN SALVADOR, Capt. NICKERSON, SATURDAY, April 10, from Pier No. 48 North River, at 3 P. M.

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ATLAS.....April 17.

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ALPS.....April 9.
ETNA.....April 26.

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CITY OF RICHMOND.....Saturday, April 17, at 2 P. M.
CITY OF MONTREAL.....Saturday, April 24, at 8 A. M.
CITY OF CHESTER.....Saturday, May 1, at 2 P. M.

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CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Thursday, April 8
CITY OF MEXICO.....Tuesday, April 20
CITY OF VERA CRUZ.....Thursday, April 22

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CITY OF MEXICO.....Tuesday, April 20
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Monday, 5th.....3:00 P. M.	Tuesday, 6th.....7:00 A. M.
Tuesday, 6th.....3:00 P. M.	Wednesday, 7th.8:00 A. M.
Thursday, 8th.....9:00 A. M.	Friday, 9th.....8:00 A. M.
Saturday, 10th.10:30 A. M.	Monday, 12th...9:30 A. M.

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FINANCIAL.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE BULL'S HEAD BANK, on Saturday, the 27th day of March, 1875:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	$503,359 63
Overdrafts	1,093 57
Due from Banks	51,772 01
Due from Directors of the Bank.....$7,000	
Real Estate, (Banking-house, $90,000; other real estate, $7,500)	97,500 00
Cash Items, viz: Bank checks and drafts on other Banks received on deposit the day previous	43,944 47
Stock, $16,000, promissory notes, $....	
U. S. indebtedness certificates, $.....	16,000 00
Bonds and mortgages	30,000 00
Bills of solvent banks, and United States Legal-tender notes	50,393 37
Assets not included under either of the above heads, viz.: Money deposited with Bank Department to secure circulation	5,975 00
Total	$800,038 05

LIABILITIES.	
Capital	$200,000 00
Circulation, registered	5,975 00
Profits	12,925 02
Due depositors on demand	577,763 03
Amount due, not included under either of the above heads, viz., unpaid dividends	3,675 00
Total	$800,038 05

State of New-York, County of New-York, ss.: JAMES E. KELLEY, President, and GEORGE F. VAIL, Cashier of BULL'S HEAD BANK, a banking association located and doing business at New-York, in said county, being duly and severally sworn, each for himself saith that the foregoing is in all respects a true statement of the condition of the said bank before the transaction of any business on the morning of Saturday, the 27th day of March, 1875, in respect to each and every of the items and particulars above specified, according to the best of his knowledge and belief, and that the business of the said bank has been and is transacted at the location aforesaid. JAMES E. KELLEY, President.

GEORGE F. VAIL, Cashier.

Severally subscribed and sworn by both deponents, the 1st day of April, 1875. ALBERT S. CALDWELL, Notary Public, New-York County.

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ROLLING STOCK CO., Nos. 74 AND 76 WALL STREET, NEW-YORK, March 3, 1875.

AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this Company will be held at its offices, Nos. 74 and 76 Wall-street, at noon of WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of April, 1875, to receive the report of the committee appointed at the meeting of Feb. 4, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

WM. H. GUION, Chairman.

A. HEDWISCH, Secretary.

PARK FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 170 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, March 22, 1875.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR FIFTEEN (15) Directors of this company will be held at the office on MONDAY, 5th April next. Poll open from 12 M. until 1 P. M.

WILLIAM VALENTINE, Secretary.

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F. E. TROWBRIDGE, Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE SPANISH HILL MINING COMPANY, No. 65 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, March 31, 1875.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this company will be held at this office on WEDNESDAY, April 14, 1875, at 2 o'clock P. M.

R. C. LIVINGSTON, Secretary.

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TREASURY OF GEORGIA.

HOLDERS OF OVERDUE BONDS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA,

which matured prior to the 1st day of January, 1873, are notified by the publication of the following act of the General Assembly, lately in session, that unless presented for examination and registration on or before the 1st day of August next they will become null and void, and be debarred from payment forever thereafter, in terms of said act, as follows:

AN ACT TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA AGAINST THE PAYMENT OF PAST DUE BONDS.

Whereas, Divers bonds of the State of Georgia, which matured prior to the 1st day of January, 1872, are now in circulation; and, whereas, it is believed that all of said bonds have been paid, and have been illegally and fraudulently reissued and negotiated, and the extent and amount of said bonds, so reissued and negotiated, is unknown to this General Assembly:

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, That all persons holding bonds of the State of Georgia which matured prior to the first day of January, 1872, are hereby required to present the same to the Treasurer of the State, for registration, on or before the first day of August, 1875; and, upon the failure so to present said bonds, and to submit the same for registration, the same shall be deemed prima facie to have been paid, and to have been illegally or fraudulently reissued and negotiated.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the State to provide and keep a suitable record book in which to register the bonds required to be registered under this act; and it shall be his duty to record the same thereon, and to require that the persons presenting the same shall establish continuous ownership for the last five years by the affidavit of each bona-fide holder, through whose hands they shall have passed, showing from whom the bonds were bought, and to whom they were sold, giving number of bond presented, date of issue, when due, denomination, time, amount, by whom presented, when presented, character of issue, and the reason for having delayed their presentation for payment so long after maturity, and such other information as will enable the General Assembly fully to identify the same.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That the Treasurer be, and he is hereby, prohibited from paying any of the bonds of the State which matured prior to the first day of January, 1872, or any interest thereon, except as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, That at the expiration of the time mentioned in this act for the registration of the bonds aforesaid, to wit, the first day of August, 1876, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to present the record-book, thus kept, to the Governor, who is hereby authorized to allow and direct the Treasurer to pay such past due bonds, so recorded, as shall appear to him, from all the circumstances connected therewith, to be properly chargeable to the State and entitled to payment.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer, immediately upon the passage of this act, to give notice of the provisions, thereby publishing the same at least two months in two newspapers published in the City of Atlanta, and two in the City of New-York.

SEC. 6. Repeals conflicting laws.

Approved March 2, 1875.

JOHN JONES, Treasurer.

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OFFICE OF THE CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 52 WILLIAM ST., NEW-YORK, Feb. 1, 1875.

CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD PREFERRED FIRST MORTGAGE SINKING FUND BONDS.—Notice is hereby given that we have this day designated by lot thirty-four bonds numbered as follows: Nos. 489, 182, 407, 399, 117, 518, 553, 523, 175, 438, 426, 103, 157, 510, 78, 551, 137, 443, 190, 106, 409, 478, 58, 470, 14, 535, 535, 354, 9, 541, 300, 326, of $1,000 each, for redemption. According to the terms of the morigage, interest thereon will cease May 1, 1875. The undersigned are ready to pay them, with interest so far as accrued, upon presentation and surrender.

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OFFICE OF THE SECOND AVENUE RAILROAD COMPANY, NEW-YORK, March 19, 1875.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the Second Avenue Railroad Company, for the election of Directors and Inspectors of Election for the ensuing year, will be held on MONDAY, April 5, 1875, at the office of the company, corner of 2d av. and 63d st.

Polls open at 12 M. and close at 1 o'clock P. M.

The transfer-books will be closed March 25, and be reopened April 6.

HARVEY H. WOODS, Secretary.

MARIPOSA LAND AND MINING COMPANY.

Persons holding certificates of the Preferred and Common Stock in the Mariposa Land and Mining Company will please take notice that an assessment of one dollar per share has been levied, payable on or before April 14, 1875, at the principal office in San Francisco, or at No. 9 Nassau st., New-York; indorsement will be made upon the certificates when paid. For full particulars inquire at the office.

MORRIS H. SMITH, Assistant Secretary.

NEW-YORK, March 23, 1875.

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THE DEFENDANT'S SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

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ing there; I do not recollect ever being there afterward when it was not there.

Q.—Those presents that you brought from Europe were not confined to your own family? A.—Oh, no, Sir.

Q.—Extended to—? A.—I presented, I suppose, thirty or forty.

Q.—Yes, among your acquaintances? A.—Yes, among the children of the families where I had been intimate, and among those persons I had frequently met, and with whom I had in various ways labored.

HIS VISITS TO TILTON'S HOUSE.

Q.—Now, during the period of the residence of this family at their present house in Livingston street, what was the manner of your visits there, Mr. Beecher—say up to this year of 1870? A.—I could not exactly tell the manner, because I do not know as there was any special manner one way or the other; I know that the Post Office used to be on the corner—near the corner—of Washington street and Court, and that my habit was then to go down and take my letters; after I had got through my morning study I took my letters in my hand and read them as I went along, and dropped in there for a half hour of a morning, or longer—if it was longer—and then make any little calls I wanted to make; frequently went over the ferry to New-York and came back home to my dinner; it was a little exercise walk after my literary work of the morning.

Q.—It was your habit, then, to complete your work in the morning? A.—I have always been an early riser, and an early worker.

Q.—And completed your literary work—? A.—By 10 o'clock I am usually done with my study.

Q.—And then went out for recreation—exercise? A.—For exercise, recreation, errands, editorial work, or any other.

Q.—So that, whatever calls you did make at this house were, as you understand, substantially at that time of day and in that connection? A.—In the immense majority of instances.

Q.—Now, have you no recollection, Mr. Beecher, of any habit of calling there in the evening, or of any calls there in the evening? A.—No, Sir, I do not, except when there was company, or some consultation committee; in the years 1867, 1868, 1869 I may have been there a few times, but it was certainly contrary to my habit; it was impossible; my evenings are mostly engaged in speaking or in equivalent work.

Q.—Yes, so that you had no habit of making any calls in the evening anywhere? A.—No, Sir.

A.—And your familiar calls with other families of your intimates—were they in the day time? A.—Almost always, unless I strolled up to friend Howard's with him after meeting.

Q.—Yes? A.—But the ordinary little neighborhood calls I made were made usually about 5 o'clock in the afternoon; I mean near people, near calls.

Q.—How frequently did you see Mr. Tilton at his own house, do you think? A.—I should think as often as—he was there as often as he was not there; that is, I should think, half of the time he might have been there and half the time not, just as the case might be; when he worked in his own house, wrote, as he often did, then he would be at home.

Q.—At these hours of your calls? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Do you remember early in the year 1870, taking Mrs. Tilton out for a drive? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—And how did the first occasion of that courtesy arise? A.—I do not know how it arose; I only know I had bought a fine pair of grays, and that they were—or it was not yet time to go up to my place, and I was keeping them here for a week or two; I went down one bright morning in a buggy and took her out to the Park; the only other time I recollect about—that time was a week or fortnight later, but I had met Mrs. Morse, meanwhile, who pressed me and begged I would give Libbie a ride whenever I could—I had no idea how much good it did her—then I took her a second time, and then the horses went to the farm, and I did not take her out for a drive any more.

Q.—You went there the second time, after this conversation with Mrs. Morse? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Whom did you see there then? A.—Mr. Tilton.

Q.—And Mrs. Tilton? A.—Him first; he was—I think the windows were up, and he saw me and came out; I did not get out of the buggy; he talked with me there on various things which I do not remember, but I said to him, "I have come down to take Libbie or your wife to ride," and he called her to the door; she was in the house then, and I then spoke to her: "Mrs. Tilton, I have called to see if you would not like a ride," and she declined; he playfully reproached her, and said, "Why, go in, get your things—go in and get your things, and take a ride;" thereupon she went in and came out, and we took the ride.

Q.—Did you say at this time anything about what her mother had said? A.—I don't recollect.

Q.—Don't recollect? Now, during that year, 1870, prior to December, do you remember an occasion of being sent for to visit Mrs. Tilton? In August of that year is the time I refer to? A.—August of 1870 I was at Peekskill, and received a little note from her saying that—

Mr. Fullerton—One moment.

Q.—Have you that note? A.—No.

Q.—What become of it? A.—I don't know, Sir.

Q.—Well, is it lost or destroyed? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—It was not preserved? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Well, what was the— A.—At her request I went to see her.

Mr. Fullerton—One moment, Mr. Beecher. [Consults with Mr. Beach.] No objection.

Mr. Evarts—No objection. [To the witness.] Well, you know it asked you to call? A.—It was simply a request that being sick she wished I would come and see her.

Q.—Yes? A.—I called; I—

Q.—Did you know of her sickness before? A.—No, Sir, I don't recollect that I did.

Mr. Beach—Did he say what was?

Mr. Fullerton—In August.

Mr. Evarts—August, 1870? A.—Yes, Sir, I think it was the 5th of August.

Q.—You were at Peekskill on your vacation? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Your vacation? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—And how long since you had seen her, do you remember? A.—I don't remember.

Q.—How long had you been up at Peekskill? A.—I can't say from any positive remembrance; I only can judge from my habit.

Q.—But you know nothing to the contrary, than that it was your usual time that year? A.—No, Sir; I had probably been there a fortnight or more—or three weeks.

Q.—Did you visit her when you came down, or did you come to town on purpose? A.—I had some other errands, but I came mainly on that ground—to see her.

Q.—And what time did you visit her, and how did you find her condition of health? A.—I found her lying in the up-stairs second-room, the receiving-room of the house, and on a sofa, and she looked very pale and sick, and seemed to be very despondent, and she made some statements to me of her—[pausing]—no, I am mistaken, I do not recall any particular conversation that we had then, except that she said that she was very much depressed in spirit, and she seemed to me like one that wanted to talk and didn't.

Q.—Yes.

Mr. Beach—I must object, Sir, to such remarks as that. I move to strike that out.

The Court—I think that last remark may be stricken out.

Mr. Evarts—Well, did she confer with you? A.—She conferred with me not at any very considerable length, and I then prayed with her and cheered her the best way that I could—

Q.—And left? A.—And left.

Q.—Did you call again? A.—I called the next day.

Q.—Well, did you see her? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—What occurred in respect to—A.—I sent my name up, and the girl brought down a little bit of paper, a scrap, in which she said something like this: "That it was best that she should not see me to-day, but that she believed that the future"—that all would be right, or something in the future.

Q.—And that piece of paper you did not keep? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Now, during that Summer and Fall, prior to December, had you any—did you make any visits, or anything tending to—or any interviews—meeting with Mrs. Tilton prior to December, 1870, after this August? A.—Prior to December?

Q.—Prior to December? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—What time did you return to the city then—the usual time? A.—I suppose so.

Q.—That would be about— A.—October.

Q.—You have spoken of your coming back after your hay fever in October. Do you recover entirely from your malady when you return, or how long does it— A.—Nobody is said to be themselves again until after they have had a very hard frost, but I got so that I could preach the last of September; but I was through the month of October so much invalided that I, as a general thing, refused lectures until I went to the White Mountains—refused to do September work.

Q.—And does this remain upon you during the month of October? A.—Yes; it was all I could do to go through my Sunday service, though gaining slightly all the week. After November set in I always felt that I was myself again.

THE INTERVIEW ABOUT THE SEPARATION OF MRS. TILTON FROM HER HUSBAND.

Q.—Now, in December—at or about or before the middle of December, 1870—did you have an interview with Mrs. Tilton, and if so, where and under what circumstances? A.—I don't know; I have an impression that I didn't see Mrs. Tilton after my return; I have an impression she was out of town; but the first distinct recollection that I have of seeing her is somewhere about the middle of December, and in consequence of a request from her mother.

Q.—What message, and by what messenger were you advised of her wish to see you? A.—Bessie Turner came to my house.

Q.—And did you learn where Mrs. Tilton then was? A.—I did, that she was at her mother's.

Q.—Did you know it before? A.—I did not.

Q.—Had you, before that, heard or known of any disposition or purpose of her separating from her husband? A.—Never had.

Q.—Then, what Bessie Turner said to you then was the first intimation and information on the subject that you had? A.—A revelation; I never dreamed of it before, that I know of.

Q.—What did Miss Turner say to you on that occasion?

Mr. Beach—Wait one moment.

[Mr. Beach then consulted with Mr. Fullerton.]

Mr. Beach—We object to this, Sir.

The Court—How is that evidence, Mr. Evarts?

Mr. Evarts—My learned friends were in considerable doubt whether they would object, if your Honor please.

Mr. Fullerton—We have no doubt about the validity of the objection.

Mr. Evarts—No, of course not, nor the validity of the evidence.

Mr. Fullerton—Yes, if we consent.

Mr. Evarts—Your Honor holds that that is not admissible?

The Court—Yes.

Mr. Evarts—I suppose it is admissible, at least to the extent that, in consequence of what was said to him by Miss Turner, he made a visit—

The Court—Oh, yes.

Q.—Well. Mr. Beecher, the details of that message not being allowed to be given us, was the consequence of it that you visited Mrs. Tilton? A.—It was.

Q.—Did you before going confer with any one else on the subject, or take any one with you? A.—Not that I recall; I don't think I spoke to any one of it, and I know I took no one with me.

Q.—Then you went and found Mrs. Tilton? A.—I went to Mrs. Morse's, and found Mrs. Tilton.

Q.—And Mrs. Morse also? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Did you see them together, or did you see Mrs. Tilton? A.—Both.

Q.—Eh? A.—On this first visit I think I saw them together.

Q.—And not Mrs. Tilton apart? A.—That is my impression, Sir.

Q.—Now, what was the interview between Mrs. Tilton and yourself on that occasion?

Mr. Beach—One moment, Sir.

[Mr. Fullerton and Mr. Beach then consulted.]

MR. BEACH OBJECTS TO THE EVIDENCE.

Mr. Beach—We object to this evidence.

Mr. Evarts—I suppose, of course, whatever occurred between the defendant and Mrs. Tilton is a matter at issue in this cause, concerning which any witness who saw them together could testify. And by the same necessity, Mr. Beecher himself, being a witness to what passed within his hearing and under his own eyes, can testify to any intercourse between Mr. Beecher and Mrs. Tilton during their acquaintance, and before the period of this accusation in the end of December, and afterward, I suppose, also; certainly before then, as a direct matter of proof in this case.

The Court—Even to the extent of their conversation?

Mr. Evarts—Yes; that is, if a witness had heard it, of course he could testify; and he can testify what he saw.

Mr. Beach—Well, Sir, that's a proposition we dispute.

Mr. Evarts—It has no relation, as we understand it, to the question of hearsay evidence. It proves the intercourse between this defendant, who is accused of improper relations with this lady, and the lady herself, and we have a right, I suppose, to prove every single act and word that passed between them.

The Court—You have a right to prove every act, and you could therefore prove that this witness was called there, and saw Mrs. Tilton, with or without her mother, upon the subject of a separation, or any other, and could add to that whatever did not occur. It seems to me that is the extent of the interrogation.

Mr. Evarts—The definite way of showing what did occur affirmatively, and what did not occur, is by showing all that did occur; and I suppose all that comes in this conversation, so far as I know or understand. The matters to which your Honor has referred are all that is substantially material. Mrs. Tilton's statement to this witness, no more than to any other witness, can be evidence against Mr. Tilton, or her husband, against a third person.

The Court—My only difficulty is conversation between the parties.

Mr. Evarts—Whatever occurred between Mrs. Tilton and this defendant being matter of affirmative proof in the relations between them, at this interview or any other interview, it seems to me to be proper in all its circumstances, all its interchange of words, as well as of conduct.

The Court—Can it be done without conversation? Can it be done by conversation? It seems to me not.

Mr. Evarts—Conversation is substantially the action of these two parties toward one another.

Mr. Beach—I understand the gentleman to concede, Sir, that the declarations made by Mrs. Tilton to the defendant at that time would not be competent evidence of the truth of the facts alleged. If not, upon what principle is it that her declarations are receivable? Why does the gentleman say that all the intercourse between these two parties, by the nature of this litigation, becomes competent evidence unless that evidence of such intercourse proves the fact which it covers? Now, I deny, Sir, the proposition that the nature of this act, or any rule of evidence, authorizes the defendant to give proof of his intercourse, conversations, or acts as connected with Mrs. Tilton. We may give them in evidence; it is admissible upon our part as a portion of our accusing case, but they can give no part of that intercourse; especially no part of the conversations that occurred between these parties in the absence of Mr. Tilton. Unless the gentleman can favor us with some authority or can present to your Honor some principle upon which your Honor can see that this general intercourse and these general conversations may be given in proof in violation of the ordinary rule, why, we submit to your Honor that they should be excluded. Certainly, the ordinary principles of evidence will exclude them, and I can see nothing in the nature of this action, as yet at least, which will justify a defendant accused of adultery, to exonerate himself by showing conversations he may have had with the victim of his adultery, and produce here declarations in exoneration of himself, if they happen to have been made. Now, I am not disposed to deny, Sir, that where an accusation of this kind is made, the general associations of the accused parties—their habits of intercourse, wherever met—may be given in evidence, because their acts, which, to a very great degree, might enable one to draw inferences in regard to the nature of their intercourse or the fellow-feeling which existed between them; and that, I think, is a very considerable concession in favor of the defence, and I should not be inclined to deny the admissibility of evidence to that extent; but beyond that, I submit to your Honor, it is not competent.

MR. EVARTS CONTENDS FOR THE ADMISSION OF THE EVIDENCE.

Mr. Evarts—If your Honor please, upon the grounds I have stated I cannot see that my learned friend answers my proposition. If all the conduct between Mr. Beecher and this lady that could be portrayed by a witness, from the time of their first knowledge of each other down to the period of which I am now inquiring, could be portrayed before your Honor and the jury as bearing upon the question, that every act, every word being disclosed, then the conclusions are to be drawn whether there was guilt or whether there is innocence. Now no one would doubt that, if that were possible in human evidence, we should have a perfect means of determining what the relation was between this defendant and this lady and has been from the first time he saw her until the last moment when he was accused. That is not possible; but it is possible, and the present rule of evidence that permits parties to interviews, although they may be parties to suits, to be witnesses to what occurred under their own observation, and their own action at interviews in which they took part, would bring to the court and jury whatever human memory can remember and human language can reproduce. And I apprehend that there never has been a doubt since this trial was commenced that what did occur between this defendant and this lady during the period of their acquaintanceship, was the very matter out of which was to be drawn the conclusion of the jury, whether or no there had been at any moment a guilty act, a guilty word, or a guilty purpose. Now, I produce this interview as under that common and general head, and I have heard nothing in the observations of my learned friend that tends to shake my confidence in the proposition. Of course, counsel would not produce anything, unless they thought it had some signification either for or against the charge of guilt; either to occupy time or to spread trivialities before the jury. But, in an entirely different relation this evidence is admissible. We are entitled to show, or else justice never can be administered in respect to this defendant toward this plaintiff, unless his declarations in invoking their intervention on the direct pale of accusation, such as it may have been, or regret, or explanation such as it may have been, the actual dealings between this defendant and this lady known to this plaintiff, are also spread before this jury so that when you come to the crisis of determining what conclusion shall be drawn from what passed on the 30th of December, the 31st of December, or the 1st of January—the attitude and relation, moral, intellectual, actual between these three persons may be in your Honor's mind and in the jury's mind and before their eyes, as it was in the mind and before the eyes of this defendant, and formed the subject and the inspiring cause of whatever he said or did, or whatever he lamented or whatever he regretted. Now, if the matter that passed in the action of this wife, resenting her husband's treatment and in applying to her Pastor; her relations to him and her husband, and then what passed between the Pastor and the wife, cannot be brought into evidence, why, then, they who are to judge from both Mr. Tilton, in what he knew and what he did, and Mr. Beecher in what he knew and what he did are to have excluded from their minds and their intelligence, and their power of appreciation, their power of analysis, their power of logical conclusion, what enters into the very marrow of the matter that they are to determine. Now, I have said, and it is familiar, that what is recited to a person in the absence of another person does not bind that other person, but it is nevertheless just as distinct a fact in itself, being stated to him, and producing upon his mind impressions and results, whether it binds third persons or not. If a messenger from the street rushes into the parlor of a peaceable citizen and accosts him by saying that he has seen his neighbor coming out of his store with a sword red with the blood of the son of the man to whom he is talking, and that man rises and goes out with a pistol and meets this neighbor with the bloody sword and slays him—it may have been all a lie in respect to the information that was conveyed, or all a mistake, but upon the mental or moral fact of the conduct of the man in going into the street and meeting and slaying the supposed enemy whose sword is red with the blood of his son, is not to be given in evidence, and has nothing to do with the question of hearsay evidence as affecting third persons. The question is, on what statements and on what conclusions, or actions from those statements, is the conduct which is the subject of inquiry based. Now, your Honor and the jury are sufficiently familiar with the general nature of this important fact—stage—of the relations between Mr. Beecher and this lady at which we have now arrived, and every one sees that the conduct of the wife in thus voluntarily making an issue and a separation from her husband, and resorting with complaints against him to the advice of the Pastor, who stood in the relation to both of friend and Pastor, is a fact of great import as bearing upon the conclusions that a rational men will draw upon the evidence that bears on the question that at that time this wife was conscious of continued criminality on her part as toward her husband, and continued criminality on her part as with Mr. Beecher. Now, if the fact is an important fact, why, then, this is a clear mode of proving that fact; to wit, it is the justest to Mr. Beecher and it is the justest to Mr. Tilton, because it shows exactly what the situation was and what its impression upon his mind, and his desire to have a due plan of operation upon which all subsequent interviews between Mr. Beecher and Mr. Tilton, in which the whole matter of the general relations between Mr. Beecher and the wife of Mr. Tilton forms the whole subject, and gave all the interviews and everything antecedent to that night of the 30th of December has significance in respect to the intercourse between Mr. Beecher and Mrs. Tilton and between Mr. Beecher and Mr. Tilton in relation to his family and his interests, whatever they may be, in his family or in his business, is necessarily a composite part of the affair, concerning which the interviewer of the 30th of December is held and under which it is to be judged. And I confess I am quite surprised at hearing the objection on the part of this plaintiff and his counsel to spreading out the facts which are operative upon Mr. Beecher's mind and operative upon Mr. Tilton's mind in this family crisis of Mr. Tilton, and Mr. Beecher's relation to it and Mr. Tilton's resentment at it, that would exclude that from a trial which has for its purpose to get at the truth without fear and without favor as to whether there has been a great crime committed on the part of Mr. Beecher, or whether there has been either a combination or delusions or malignant purpose that set up a show and appearance of criminality for the purpose of the prosecution. Now, just give us the facts—and no man feels that he can justly deal with the situation between these parties as it is presented on the night of the 30th of December, when they came together, without being put in possession of what constitutes in the minds of each and the relations of each to the other in respect of the family of Mr. Tilton.

[Mr. Abbott here handed Mr. Evarts the following authority, which he read.]

Gilchrist vs. Bell, 3 Watts & Serg. Penn. Supreme Court, 1839. Opinion by Rogers, J.) In an action for enticing plaintiff's wife from him, defendant, to disprove the allegation in the declaration that she deserted her husband by their advice and solicitation, offered to prove by her physician that about ten days before she left her husband she complained of his ill treatment, and showed marks on her arms which she said she received from his beating her, and asked her what she should do, and he advised her to leave her husband. Held that those declarations of the wife were admissible in connection with the acts of the wife as a witness. The general rule that the declarations of a husband and of a wife cannot be received in evidence against each other either civilly or criminally cannot be extended to all possible cases, for where no confidence has been violated the law admits of some exceptions. The ill conduct of a husband to his wife cannot be shown except by her declarations, made at the time to her relatives and friends.

Mr. Evarts—Now, then, you have the precise situation.

Mr. Fullerton—The doctor was not the defendant there, I believe.

Mr. Evarts—That makes no difference.

Mr. Fullerton—It does make quite a difference.

Mr. Evarts—What difference does it make?

Mr. Fullerton—We will tell you soon.

Mr. Evarts—No, not in the least. Here is a witness—here is a good witness; whatever he knows he can swear to. The argument for allowing him to testify in that he is the party out of whose lips and from whose pen is to be drawn inferences compatible only with guilty relation, when the actual situation of this party to this wife, and this husband to this wife, is to constitute the determining gauge as to what the relation was, only adds to the importance, and is an independent ground why this defendant should be heard.

Mr. Evarts directed attention to the following authorities on the subject:

Bennett vs. Smith, 21 Barb., 439, (Supreme Court, 1856, opinion by F. R. Strong, J.) In an action for enticing away plaintiff's wife; held that the main question being whether the defendant prevented the return of the wife to her husband at a certain period within a few days after the marriage, the declarations of the wife then made expressing her wishes in relation to living with the plaintiff as his wife were admissible as part of the *res gestæ* in connection with the other circumstances tending to prove that she was under constraint.

Hadley vs. Carter, 8 N. H. 4, (1835, opinion by Upham, J.) Action by master for enticing away a servant; held that though the declarations of the servant generally would be inadmissible as hearsay, yet when they were made at the time of his leaving plaintiff's employ, and expressive of motive for so doing, they were part of the *res gestæ*, and inadmissible. In this case his declarations were his communications to the witness of his design to leave, stating his reasons and asking advice."

Mr. Evarts—I don't myself see the force of the other objection. A party can testify like any other witness anything that he knows, I suppose.

MR. BEACH STRONGLY OPPOSES MR. EVARTS' PROPOSITION.

Mr. Beach—I should have been content to have left this question to your Honor's decision, and without any argument, had it not been for the labored effort of my learned friend and for the general reflections which he has made in the address to your Honor. Let us first see, Sir, what is the principle announced by the counsel, and what would be the effect upon the general rule of evidence; because, except so far as the doctrine of contemporaneous complaints referred to in the last authorities produced by my friend, this question is to be determined in this application to this case precisely the same as to any other issue My friend says, Sir—and I agree with that proposition—that if we could spread before your Honor, as by a vivid picture of art, all the intercourse between these parties from the time of its commencement to its iniquitous consummation, your Honor and the jury would be able more accurately to judge of the truth of the accusation made by this issue. Well, Sir, that same remark may be made in regard to any issue, no matter what the controversy may be between parties; if it could be presented in all its ramifications and incidents with the clearness and vividness of high pictorial art, why, a court and jury could judge, perhaps, with more accuracy than under those rulings which the wisdom and the experience of the past have established. Now, Sir, that vague and dreamy general way of arguing a legal proposition does not belong to this place and occasion. We are acting under fixed and established rules. It is impossible for us to get that perfect conception of any case, which the gentleman supposes, and he admits the impossibility. We must get, then, our conceptions of this case in subordination to those rules and principles established for the administration of justice. And applying these rules, what part of my friend's address has any application to the question before your Honor? They propose to give in evidence the declaration of this gentleman upon the stand and his alleged mistress, the wife of this plaintiff, in hostility to him. He was not present. They were not repeated to him; in no form have they received his approbation or acknowledgment. Yet the accused party will be, if my friend's proposition succeeds, permitted not only to give the conferences and confidences between himself and his alleged mistress in opposition to the husband, and in violation of a known and acknowledged principle of evidence. What more, Sir? This is to be done, Sir, after, under this proof, the fact of this seduction is established. They propose to give these communications between these guilty parties six months after the wife made her confession of the adultery. They are to be given in evidence two years after the witness upon the stand made that confession, or a confession of adultery committed two years before. And what is your Honor asked to authorize and approve? The parties against whom this evidence of adultery has been given—sufficient to carry this question to the jury, and upon which your Honor must judge—they shall be permitted to give in proof the conferences and confidences as between the guilty parties in the absence of the accuser to answer the charge. Well, now, my friend may be surprised that an objection should be made to testimony of this character on the part of the plaintiff; but, Sir, the proposition appears to me to be astounding. On what principle will you do it? Are all the interviews and is all the spoken intercourse between these parties open to examination upon this issue, as different from any other issue as between the parties? Does a different rule of evidence apply to cases of this kind, except in the particular to which the authorities presented by my friend allude? That is contemporaneous complaints; where the wife has been enticed from her husband or deserts her husband, I admit them to be competent; but this class of evidence now offered, Sir, falls under no such exception; and in the cases presented by my learned friend, the declaration is made that these communications between the parties and the declarations of the wife are not to be admitted, generally, but only with the limitation of the particular circumstance to which they are applied. Now, your Honor has been appealed to, Sir, upon the ground of truth and justice, and my friend makes loud-sounding interrogatories as to why he should be opposed in presenting to this court and jury all the facts. It hardly becomes the counsel, Sir, after the history of this trial, to indulge a reflection of that character. There has been very little effort upon the part of this plaintiff to exclude facts. There have been very persistent and continual attempts upon the part of this defense to accomplish that object. We seek not, Sir, to exclude facts. We are perfectly willing that they should prove the fact of this visit to Mrs. Tilton. If he chooses—if he chooses—he may prove any other fact which may be competent, which may be material to this issue, which will enlighten the jury in their deliberations. What we object to, Sir, is that these antagonistic parties, standing together in communion and confederacy in this court, cooperating against this plaintiff, shall be permitted to give their own declarations, made in our absence, in antagonism to us. And we ask your Honor to reflect whether that will be either in the pursuit of law or in the pursuit of truth or justice. I object to this evidence. [Subdued applause.]

DECISION OF THE COURT.

The Court—There is no doubt that the defendant can testify in this matter precisely as any other witness could testify, and that it is competent for him to state the occasions of the visits, what called him there, other circumstances connected with them, whom he saw, what occurred, and finally, to add anything, upon an interrogatory, that did not occur, and to give the jury, so far as that will enable him to do so, the character of the interview and of the intercourse. My only doubt from the first has been about receiving evidence of independent conversations, conversations that do not form a part of any act. I was aware that there had been cases where, on the occasion of a wife's deserting her husband, her declaration assigning the cause was to be received, because it was a part of the act. And the cases cited are quite of that character. I should be very sorry, indeed, to make an extreme ruling in this matter; but I think it leaves you free to prove what occurred, to prove the visits and sufficient to indicate their character, sufficient to meet the imputation that anything wrong occurs, and all that, without giving the conversation. That is the way I feel about it at present.

MR. BEACH WITHDRAWS THE OBJECTION.

Mr. Beach—I now withdraw the objection, Sir, and permit the conversation to be given.

The Court—Very well, Sir.

Q.—Now, Mr. Beecher—

The Court (alluding to a murmur in the crowd)—The audience will please be quiet.

Mr. Evarts (to the witness)—You were down at the house, and saw Mrs. Morse and Mrs. Tilton, and you were alone with them, I suppose? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Very well; now, will you please state what occurred there? A.—The conversation was very little with Mrs. Tilton; it was almost entirely on the part of Mrs. Morse, in Mrs. Tilton's presence; it consisted in a general representation to me of the great unhappiness of that family.

Q.—Of Mr. Tilton's family? A.—Of Mr. Tilton's family—of his treatment of his wife, which she had been bearing, as her mother thought, with angelic patience, until it was no longer tolerable, and that at last she had been driven to the resolution of leaving him, and they wished counsel of me as respects the propriety of such an act as that; I made comparatively few remarks; the interview was not long; I said, "This is a case in which I feel that a man cannot give the best counsel; it is a case, it seems to me, where a woman is needed, and if you will allow me, I should be glad to bring my wife and let her hear, for I think much of her judgment about such things"; Mrs. Morse—they both seemed quite excited pleasurably; Mrs. Morse said, "Will she come? I would bless her, if she would, as long as I live;" I said, "Surely she will come, if I wish her;" and that consisted of about that—the first interview.

Mr. Beach—If your Honor please, I ought to say that having withdrawn my objection and permitted this conversation to be given, that the same principle of action will lead me to withdraw the objection which I made to the interview between the witness and Miss Bessie Turner. I do withdraw that objection, and offer the counsel the privilege of proving all that was said at that interview.

Mr. Evarts—Now, Mr. Beecher—

Mr. Fullerton—One moment. The relation of what took place ought to be stated with particularity, and not in general terms, that Mrs. Morse made great complaints against Mr. Tilton.

Mr. Evarts—Well—

Mr. Shearman—Oh, we will do that.

Mr. Evarts—You have the right to cross-examine; we have no objection, however— [To the witness]—Can you state more particularly, Mr. Beecher, that conversation? A.—I do not think I can; I have only a general recollection of it.

Q.—Now, when did you next see Mrs. Tilton in connection with this subject, and with whom and what occurred there? A.—I think it was the next day that with my wife I visited them.

Q.—You communicated to your wife all that had happened? A.—I did.

Q.—And then you went together? A.—We went together.

Q.—And whom did you see? A.—Mrs. Morse and Mrs. Tilton.

Q.—What occurred then? A.—I am not clear as to the whole. The two circumstances that I recall are that after a few general remarks—and what they were, I do not remember—Mrs. Tilton went up-stairs with my wife, and they had an interview by themselves; Mrs. Morse stayed with me and repeated—

Q.—No matter— A.—The charges and so on, and then after, I should think, half an hour, Mrs. Tilton came down and Mrs. Morse—

Q.—Mrs. Beecher came with her? A.—No, Mrs. Morse went up to see her by herself.

Q.—Went up to see Mrs. Beecher? A.—Yes, and Mrs. Tilton was with me; I have only a recollection of one single thing I said to Mrs. Tilton when alone.

Q.—When alone? A.—When alone; I said, "How is it, I have been so long with you, and you never alluded before to me of distress in your household?" and she said that she—her general answer—I cannot give you her words—was that she sought to conceal it in the hope that the difficulty would pass away; but then I talked to her in respect to the household relations; I recollect giving her some counsel as to bearing with continuing patience—let patience have her perfect work—and I joined with her in prayer, and most of the time that I was with her I was praying with her.

Q.—On this occasion? A.—While my wife and Mrs. Morse were together—their interview was not a prolonged one—up stairs.

Q.—Well, did they return—did your wife and Mrs. Morse return to the room? A.—I do not remember about Mrs. Morse; my wife came down stairs, and after some few general remarks we said—I said in behalf of myself and wife we would think this over and in a very short time we would give them some final word—that we would see them again.

Q.—Then you left? A.—Then I left and the day following, after we had talked it over between ourselves—

Q.—That is Mrs. Beecher and yourself? A.—Mrs. Beecher and I, and we agreed very substantially in regard to the whole duty of the household and the relations of husband and wife, and I said to her—

Mr. Beach—To whom did you say—? A.—The relation of husband and wife.

Q.—To whom did you speak? A.—I was talking with my wife at home.

Mr. Beach—We had better not have that conversation.

Mr. Evarts—That I admit.

Mr. Fullerton—Not in detail.

The Witness—After the conversation with my wife, who was to go down again—and she went down while we were in company—

Mr. Evarts—That is, you had company at your house? A.—Yes, Sir; I was talking with several; she had her things on, and she came and asked me—told me she was going down; I could not allude to the subject without betraying it; I went to my table and wrote a little scrap, saying—

Q.—Where is that?

Mr. Beach—That has been put in evidence.

Mr. Evarts—I think so.

Mr. Fullerton—I don't think it has been put in evidence.

Mr. Shearman—It has not yet been put in evidence.

Mr. Fullerton—Of course not.

Mr. Evarts—It has slipped our minds; it is only a mistake.

The Witness—I wrote her this, [pointing to the scrap].

Mr. Evarts—You gave that to your wife to take to— A.—I gave that to my wife, not to read to them, but as my judgment to her as to what I thought best to be done; in that sense sent to them.

Mr. Beach—Do not you know whether this was presented to Mrs. Tilton from your own knowledge? A.—Only from my wife's statement.

Q.—You did not go with your wife, Mr. Beecher? A.—I did not.

Q.—Were you detained by your company or— A.—No, Sir, not altogether; I was by my company, but I felt as though—

Mr. Beach—One moment, now.

Mr. Evarts—I will ask whether you would have gone but for your company, or was Mrs. Beecher—

Mr. Beach—One moment; I object to the question.

Mr. Evarts—Did you give this to your wife as your conclusion upon the— A.—I did.

Q.—The right and expressive your conclusion that you then gave to her? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Just state if as far as this [pointing to a line on the paper] expresses the conclusion you came to and the advice you gave, so far as "the action," without reference to the latter part of it? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—That was the conclusion and advice as to what ought to be done? A.—That was the conclusion, and the balance is the reasons I gave.

Q.—The conclusions and advice as to what was best to be done, was that—

Mr. Beach—Now, you can read that part of it.

Mr. Evarts then read as follows:

"I incline to think that your view is right, and that a separation and a settlement of support" [settlement of support underscored] "will be wisest."

Mr. Evarts—By your view you mean Mrs. Beecher's view? A.—I do—did.

Mr. Shearman—Is it marked?

Mr. Beach—No; it is not marked; you read it as evidence.

Mr. Evarts—And this is a memorandum of the conclusions and advice you then came to? A.—It is.

Mr. Fullerton—It ought to be understood—

Mr. Evarts—And it was given to her? A.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. Fullerton (continuing)—That the paper is only in evidence as far as it was read.

Mr. Beach—The paper is not in evidence at all.

The Court—Let it be on the minutes; that will answer the purpose; you have a copy of it there.

The court then adjourned.

THE COLORED WITNESS WOODLEY.

The Petersburg (Va.) *Index and Appeal* of Wednesday says: "Happening to meet Mr. E. H. Osborne yesterday, one of the reporters of this paper made inquiry of that gentleman with respect to the negro witness J. B. Woodley, who recently figured prominently in the Beecher trial in Brooklyn. Woodley gave in testimony that he worked in this city with Messrs. Osborne & Chieves, and having accumulated a considerable sum of money he went to New-York because the interest on money there was ten per cent., while here it was only six per cent. Mr. Osborne says he remembers the fellow well. He was, while living with him, a polite, well-dressed, and well-behaved negro, scrupulous in his address, and in every way plausible and clever. Mr. Osborne says the boy was well educated for a negro, and was of more than ordinary intelligence. He adds, however, that Jim was one of the most thorough-paced rascals he ever knew; fundamentally false in his statements, an accomplished and ingrained liar, and smart enough to make his lies pass current for honest statements. Two statements explicitly sworn to by Woodley are as explicitly denied by his former employer. Woodley stated that his object in going North was to invest his money to better advantage. Mr. Osborne says he knows that Jim had no money. He went North to get work and not to invest money, of which he had none. Jim told Mr. Fullerton that he was not married. Mr. Osborne says he not only had a wife here, but one of the females of whom Solomon had 600. To identify the man in his mind beyond all chance of mistake, Mr. Osborne remembered that he used to come to Petersburg to vote, even after his removal to New-York, on the ground that his wife lived here and that this was his home. Finally he took his wife away with him, and never came back any more.

DEATH OF THE CELEBRATED RACE-HORSE THORMANBY.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Having seen in several New-York papers statements regarding this celebrated horse, (who was perhaps the most successful as a racer and sire of any horse whose record has any clear history,) I am desirous to correct some inadvertencies, which probably by accident crept into said statements, being myself the owner of Flodden, sired by Thormanby, now en route to the "Victoria Stock Farm," in Kansas.

One paper states that Thormanby was sire of the winner of the Derby in 1860, whereas it was Thormanby himself who won that race, the writer being present on that occasion. It was also stated that only two horses sired by Thormanby ever came to America, one of which went to Peru. The writer of that article evidently was not aware of the importation of Flodden, who arrived here in October last. (See NEW-YORK WEEKLY TIMES of Oct. 28, 1874.) Having been familiar with the thoroughbreds of England for the last twenty years, my judgment has led me to give a decided preference to the Thormanby stock. In fact, to quote from a description of Thormanby, made some time before his death, which said: "He is so truly shaped and well put together that his strength is properly distributed over the parts most in need of it. In fact, he is every inch horse without an ounce of superfluous lumber throughout his entire frame. Nearly all his stock I have seen are amazingly like him." I have selected him, as I have the other breeding animals in cattle, sheep, &c., for my stock farm at Victoria with a view to improving the various breeds of animals to a higher standard than it has been the custom heretofore to practice, especially in the far West. I am, dear Sir, yours very truly,

GEORGE GRANT,
Founder of the Victoria Colony,
Victoria, Ellis County, Kan.

COLORED CONVENTION IN VIRGINIA.

A call has been issued by colored members of the Legislature for a delegate convention of colored men of Virginia, in Richmond, on the 19th of August next. The call says:

"The undersigned, State representatives, beg leave to represent to you the urgent expediency of holding a convention for the purpose of considering and adjusting all political, financial, and other questions touching your interests and prosperity as freemen and members of a great Commonwealth. The following startling facts should be sufficient to inspire you with hope, and at the same time prove that your own hands, your own energies, and your own genius, must eventually lift you from the difficulties and embarrassments in which you are surrounded. You constitute five hundred thousand (nearly one-half) of the population of your State. You have no press! and whatever sentiments you may hold, or whatever emotions may burn in your bosoms, are almost totally unknown to your own fellow-citizens, to say nothing of the outside world. Many problems present themselves, and it is as clear as sunshine that you yourselves, and not others, are competent to offer a beneficial and natural solution. You will at once see the wisdom in reflecting your own views and your own policy, to the end that human rights may be secured and preserved, and the glory and prosperity of Virginia enhanced by the labor and sacrifices of its citizens. It is therefore suggested that each city and county elect twice the number of delegates now provided for in the Constitution for the House of Delegates, and that said delegates convene in the City of Richmond on Thursday, the 19th day of August, 1875, at the hour of 12 o'clock M., for the purpose of considering questions above indicated and all other matters which they may deem right and proper. And upon our purposes and desires we invoke the averable consideration of all good citizens."

CHINA.

THE NEW EMPEROR A BOY THREE OR FOUR YEARS OF AGE.

Hong Kong papers to Feb. 15, received by steamer at San Francisco, contain the following:

The *North China Daily News* says: We have at last definite information as to the course of events in Peking since the death of the late Emperor, and learn that a boy named Tsia-tien, a son of the seventh Prince, is the new ruler of China, under the style and title of Kwang-su.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—APRIL 1.

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—10 A. M.

1500 Western Union..⅞ 78⅜ 300 Union Pacific..... 64
$4000 do.....⅝ 78⅝ 1000 do.....s30. 63¾
1200 do.....⅞ 78⅝ 500 do.....s30. 63¾
1500 do.....s3. 78¾ 700 do.....⅝ 64⅛
1250 do.....⅞ 78¾ 200 do.....⅝ 64⅛
200 do.....c. 78⅞ 100 do.....c. 64
1000 do.....⅞ 78⅛ 500 do.....⅝ 63¾
600 do.....⅞ 78⅛ 400 do.....⅝ 63⅞
1200 do.....⅞ 77⅞ 1600 North-west.....s. 45
500 do.....b3. 77⅞ 200 do.....⅝ 44⅞
800 do.....⅞ 77⅞ 100 do.....s3. 44¾
200 do.....⅞ 77¾ 1100 do.....⅝ 44¾
300 do.....⅞ 77¾ 1100 do.....⅝ 44⅝
2100 do.....⅞ 43⅜ 100 Rock Island.....c. 106
1200 do.....⅞ 43⅜ 100 do.....106
200 do.....c. 43⅜ 100 Panama.....b.c. 121½
200 do.....c. 43⅜ 10 Toledo & Wab.....s. 15¾
100 do.....⅞ 43⅜ 150 do.....⅝ 10⅝
1800 do.....⅞ 43¾ 100 do.....⅝ 14⅞
600 do.....⅞ 43¾ 200 do.....⅝ 14⅝
200 do.....⅞ 43¾ 100 do.....⅝ 14⅝
2400 do.....⅞ 43¾ 500 do.....⅝ 14⅜
200 Lake Shore..⅞ 73⅝ 100 Ohio & Miss.....c. 28¾
100 do.....⅞ 73⅝ 200 do.....⅝ 28¾
200 do.....⅞ 73⅝ 400 do.....⅝ 28⅞
500 do.....⅞ 73⅜ 100 do.....⅝ 28¾
500 do.....⅞ 73⅜ 200 do.....c. 28¾
500 do.....⅞ 73⅜ 200 do.....s3. 28¾
300 do.....⅞ 73⅜ 200 do.....⅝ 28¾
100 do.....⅞ 73⅜ 500 do.....⅝ 28⅝
100 do.....⅞ 73⅜ 500 N. J. Southern..... 85
100 St. Paul.....⅞ 85½ 100 do.....⅝ 85
1500 do.....⅞ 85½ 100 C. C. & I. C.....s3. 57⅝
2000 do.....⅞ 85⅝ 500 do.....⅝ 57⅝
200 do.....⅞ 85⅝ 500 At. & Pac. Tel..... 25

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—10:15 AND 11:30 A. M.

$2,000 U. S. 5-20 C.....110½
5,000 U. S. 5-20 R.....112
5,000 U. S. 5-20 C.'67.120
2,000 do.....114
15,000 U. S. 5s.'81 R.114¾
10,000 do.....114¾
10,000 U. S. 5-20 R.....112 11/16
10,000 U. S. 5s.'81, C.....114¾

FIRST BOARD—10:30 A. M.

$3,000 Mo. 6s, 1 b. 8s. 97½
1,000 do.....97¾
1,000 do.....97⅞
4,000 Tenn. 6s.....new. 49
25 con.....b. c. 49
5,000 C. & N. W. C. Con. G. 8s.....83½
do.....83⅜
5,000 do.....83⅝
4,000 C. & R. & Q. C. 7s.....101
1,000 Erie 2d.....101
5,000 M. & E. C. 1s.....69¾
1,000 M. & E. C. 1s.....70
6,000 Mich. Cen. 7s.....104
12,000 N. Y. C. 1st. C. 6s.....98½
25,000 Cen. Pac. G. 6s.....98½
2,000 Chi. & N. W. Ext. 8s. Jos. Ex. x int.....83½
5,000 Chi. & N. W. Ext. 8s.....97¾
2,000 Chi. Pac. Tel. 7s.....93
4,000 Chi. & N. W. Ext. 8s.....91⅝
4,000 Cin. Pac. S. F. 8s.....91⅝
15,000 L. S. 2d. C. C. 7s.....93
2,000 C. C. & I. C. 7s.....83
2,000 do.....b. c. 51½
1,000 T. & W. 1st. St. Louis Div.....82½
2,000 Gt. West. 2d.....58
19,000 Har. 1st. 7s, C.....104
3,000 Cl. & P. C. S. F.....105
50 P. Natl Bk. b. c.....99
25 Metropolitan Bk. b. 135
50 Tel. & Hud. Can.....114
200 Quick. Mm. b. c.....26
200 At. & Pac. T. b. c.....25¾
700 do.....b. c.....25¾
1000 W. U. el.....b. c.....78
300 do.....s3. 78
500 do.....c. 78
500 do.....c. 78
1400 do.....b3. 78
100 do.....s3. 78
700 do.....s60. 63
800 do.....c. 78
1000 do.....c. 78
500 do.....s10. 77¾
800 do.....77¾
200 do.....b10. 64½
2000 do.....64½
2000 do.....64½
500 do.....64½
1000 do.....64½
2000 do.....64½
1000 do.....64⅝
500 do.....64⅝
50 U. S. Express.....61
500 do.....63¾
75 do.....b. c. 61
5 Amer. Express.....64
10 W. F. Ex.....b. c. 83
1000 Pacific Mail.....b. c. 44⅞
100 Panama.....b. c. 120
100 Pac. Ric Mail.....b. c. 43½
500 do.....43⅝
500 do.....43⅝
100 do.....43⅝
100 Han. & St. Jo.....26
600 do.....26
600 do.....26
200 do.....26
200 Lake Shore.....73⅝
100 do.....73⅝
200 do.....73⅝
100 do.....73⅝
200 do.....73⅝
100 do.....73⅝
100 do.....73⅝
100 St. Paul.....85
1500 do.....85½
2000 do.....85⅝
200 do.....85⅝
800 do.....85⅝
100 Chi. & R. I. & P. b. c. 106

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—12:30 P. M.

200 Spring Mt. Coal.....70
200 Quicksilver Pref.....26
500 Western Union.....78⅛
50 do.....b3. 78⅛
800 do.....78⅝
300 Pacific Mail.....43⅝
100 do.....43⅝
100 N. Y. C. & Hud.....106
100 do.....b3. 106
100 do.....106
300 Lake Shore.....b3. 73⅝
100 do.....73⅜
2400 Erie Railway.....30⅝
100 do.....b3. 30⅝
700 do.....30⅜
100 do.....30⅜
1000 do.....30⅜
100 do.....30⅜
100 Chi. & N. W. b. c. 44⅞
100 do.....44⅜
100 do.....44⅜
100 North-western.....44⅞
3000 do.....45
200 Rock Island.....106⅜
100 Ft. Wayne.....96½
100 Mil. & St. Paul.....38⅝
100 Mil. & St. Paul Pref.....56¾
200 Pittsburg.....92
200 Del., Lack. & Western.....110½
300 New-Jersey Central.....112⅝
100 Illinois Central.....102
100 Union Pacific.....67
100 C., C. & Indiana Central.....6
100 Hannibal & St. Joseph.....29
100 Hannibal & St. Joseph Pref..35
1300 do.....30⅜
600 do.....30⅜
200 do.....30⅜
100 do.....30⅜
100 Missouri Pacific.....50
100 Panama.....121½
100 Western Union.....78½
100 Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph.25
100 Pacific Mail.....44⅛
100 Quicksilver.....26
100 Quicksilver Preferred.....32½
100 New-Jersey Southern.....8⅝
100 C., C. & I.....62
100 Atlantic & Pacific Preferred.15
100 Canton.....62½
100 Consolidation Coal.....46

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—2 P. M.

$6,000 Mo. 6s, 1. bds. 95
2,000 Mo. 6s, fi & st. Jo. 7s.....100¾
2,000 do.....83
3,000 do.....84¾
1,000 do.....84¾
1,000 do.....84¾
11,000 do.....84¾
2,000 do.....84¾
1,500 L. S. D. bds. x.1100
3,000 Tol. & Wab. 1st.....83
2,000 H. & St. J. 8s, C.....84¾
5,000 M. & E. Con. bds.100
100 Con. Coal of M. b. c.....46
200 Canton Co.....b. c.....62½
200 At. & Pac. Tel. b. c.....24½
200 W. Union.....b. c.....78½
200 W. U. el.....b. c.....78
500 do.....78
300 do.....78
1400 do.....b3. 78
200 do.....c. 64
300 do.....64
100 do.....s60. 63
700 do.....64⅛
200 do.....64⅛
1100 do.....64⅛
200 do.....64⅛
100 do.....64⅛
50 U. S. Express.....64
100 do.....63¾
5 Amer. Express.....64
50 Chi. & Atlan.....b. c. 83
1000 Pacific Mail.....44⅞
600 do.....44⅞
100 Panama.....b. c. 120
1000 Pac. Mail.....b. c. 44⅜
500 do.....44⅜
100 do.....44⅜
100 do.....44⅜
100 do.....44⅜
100 do.....44⅜
100 do.....44⅜
200 do.....44⅜
100 do.....44⅜
100 N. Y. C. & Hud.....106
100 do.....106
100 Han. & St. Jo.....26
600 do.....26
1800 do.....26
200 do.....26
200 Lake Shore.....73⅝
100 do.....73⅝
100 do.....73⅝
100 do.....73⅝
100 do.....73⅝
100 do.....73⅝
100 St. Paul.....85
100 do.....85
100 do.....85
100 do.....85
100 Del., Lack. & W.....110

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—2 P. M.

$6,000 U. S. 5-20 R. '67, small.....119
10,000 U. S. 5-20 C. '65, 1.....119⅛
500 do.....119
10,000 U. S. 5-20 R. '67.....119

SECOND BOARD—1 P. M.

$5,000 Mo. 6s, L. bds. 95
2,000 Mo. 6s, fi & st. Jo. 7s.....83
do. Is. 7s.....100¾
2,000 do.....84¾
5,000 Union Pac. 1st.....97¼
1,000 Union Pac. L. F.....91
2,000 do.....91⅜
11,000 Chi. & N. W. Con. C. G. bds.....83⅝
6,000 do.....83¾
1,500 L. S. D. bds. x.1100
2,000 T. & W. 1st. St. Louis Div.....82½
2,000 Gt. West. 2d.....58
19,000 Har. 1st. 7s, C.....104
3,000 Cl. & P. C. S. F.....105
50 Tel. & Hud. Can.....114
200 Quick. Mm. b. c.....26
200 At. & Pac. Tel. b. c.....24½
700 do.....b. c.....25
1000 W. Union.....b. c.....78
300 do.....s3. 78
1400 do.....b3. 78
100 do.....s3. 78
700 do.....s60. 63
800 do.....c. 78
1000 do.....c. 78
500 do.....s10. 77¾
800 do.....77¾
2000 do.....64½
500 do.....64½
500 do.....64½
1000 do.....64½
2000 do.....64½
1000 do.....64⅝
500 do.....64⅝
50 U. S. Express.....61
500 do.....63¾
75 do.....b. c. 61
5 Amer. Express.....64
30 Chi. Bur. & Quin.....113¼
50 Chi. & Atlan.....b. c. 83
1000 W. F. Ex.....b. c. 83
1000 Pacific Mail.....b. c. 44⅞
100 Panama.....b. c. 120
1000 Pac. Ric Mail.....b. c. 43½
500 do.....43⅝
500 do.....43⅝
100 do.....43⅝
100 Han. & St. Jo.....26
600 do.....26
600 do.....26
200 do.....26
200 Lake Shore.....73⅝
100 do.....73⅝
200 do.....73⅝
100 do.....73⅝
200 do.....73⅝
100 do.....73⅝
100 do.....73⅝
100 St. Paul.....85
1500 do.....85½
2000 do.....85⅝
200 do.....85⅝
800 do.....85⅝
100 Chi. & R. I. & P. b. c. 106

THURSDAY, April 1—P. M.

The general tendency of affairs in financial circles to-day was toward improvement on the Stock Exchange, depression in the Gold Room, and higher rates for exchange. The situation, so far as stocks and gold are concerned, was temporarily reversed in the afternoon by cable announcements of a panic on the Bourse at Berlin. This news was seized upon with avidity by the few remaining disconsolate bulls in the Gold Room to advance the premium about ⅛ ₱ cent., while the bears in the Stock Exchange sold the market down from ⅛ to 1⅞ ₱ cent. Before the close of business, however, it became known through private telegrams to the bankers that the trouble on the Berlin Bourse was a bear panic, and that a number of operators for a fall in securities were unable to make good their contracts in consequence of the large appreciation in values which has been going on for some time past at the principal financial centres of Europe. This put an entirely different face on the matter, and in the late dealings stocks rallied, and in some instances the highest prices of the day were made, while gold dropped off and closed weak.

The stock market opened firm, and in some cases an improvement took place, as compared with the closing quotations last evening. Shortly before the first call there was a decline of ¼ to ⅛ ₱ cent., Pacific Mail dropping from 44¼ to 43¼, Union Pacific from 64⅜ to 63¾, Western Union from 78½ to 77¾, and Wabash from 15⅝ to 14⅛. This decline was subsequently recovered, and shortly before and at the second board Union Pacific rose to 66⅜, Pacific Mail to 43⅞, Western Union to 78¼, and Wabash to 15¼. Hannibal and St. Joseph common advanced 3 ₱ cent., and the preferred 2 ₱ cent.—to 29 and 35. Erie rose from 29¾ to 30½, and Lake Shore from 73¼ to 73⅞. Union Pacific afterward declined from 66⅜ to 64¾, and the other shares dropped off ¼ to 1 ₱ cent. on the advices from Berlin. When, however, the true character of the financial disturbance there was ascertained there was a sharp reaction, and Union Pacific advanced, amid much excitement, to 67, the improvement also communicating itself to the other shares. The entire market closed firm. Panama sold to-day at 121½@120, against 122, the closing quotation yesterday. The telegraphic advices from London in regard to the movements of the steamship Faraday imparted firmness to Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph, which sold at 24¾@25.

The public debt statement for March is favorable, showing a decrease in the debt of $3,681,210.

The money market exhibited great ease to-day, and the offerings of capital were largely in excess of the demand. All the business in call loans was at 4@6 ₱ cent. on ordinary stock collaterals, with the supply superabundant at the lower rates during the afternoon. Prime mercantile paper was quoted at 5 to 7 ₱ cent.

The foreign advices reported a quiet market for securities at London. Consols for money closed at 92⅞@93; do. account at 93; 1865s, old, at 107½; 1867s at 107¼@107⅜; 10-40s at 102⅞@103, and New 5s at 103¼. The bullion in the Bank of England decreased £82,000 for the week, and £77,000 to-day. The proportion of reserve to liabilities is reported at 34⅛, against 38½ ₱ cent. a week ago. The rate of discount was not altered at the regular weekly court of the Bank Managers to-day, and remains at 3½ ₱ cent. The specie in the Bank of France decreased 1,919,000 francs during the past week. The sterling exchange market was firm early in the day, and rates were marked up to $4 84 and $4 83 for bankers' long and demand bills. Upon the advance in gold, however, there was a reduction to $4 83½ and $4 89½, the closing rates for business having been $4 83 and $4 87. Gold declined from 114¼ to 114⅛, but advanced to 114¾ on reports of financial troubles at Berlin. Toward the close a reduction to 114⅜@114½ ensued. There was no important change in the gold loan market. At the opening 1-32 ₱ cent. was paid for borrowing, but loans were afterward made at 1-64, 1, and 3 ₱ cent., and finally free of interest.

Government bonds were steady on small transactions. The principal business was in registered 5s of 1881, which sold at 114⅝@114¾. Registered 10-40s sold at 113¾, against 114 at the close yesterday. In railroad mortgages there were no new features of interest. As a general rule prices were steady, C., C. and I. C. Firsts being the only marked exception, selling at 52½@51½, in consequence of the default on the interest due to-day, although this was not generally unexpected. The various Pacific issues were almost unchanged. Sales of Union Pacific Land Grants were made at 96¼, ex interest, and Sinking Funds at 91⅜@91¼, closing at 91⅜ to 91⅝. Chicago and North-western consolidated gold coupon rose to 83¾. State bonds were quiet, but Missouri Long 6s advanced to 98, and Tennessee new ex coupon to 49.

UNITED STATES TREASURY.

NEW-YORK, April 1, 1875.	
Gold receipts	$630,591 20
Gold payments	71,229 85
Gold balance	54,770,646 41
Currency receipts	492,980 49
Currency payments	1,132,002 99
Currency balance	42,970,349 54
Customs	415,000 00

CLOSING QUOTATIONS—APRIL 1.

	Wednesday.	Thursday.
United States 6s, 1881, coupon	114⅞	114¾
United States 5-20s, 1862, coupon	117⅜	117⅜
United States 5-20s, 1867, coupon	120⅛	120
American Gold	114⅛	114⅜
Bills on London, 60 days	$4 83	$4 83
New-York Central	100¾	100¾
Rock Island	106⅜	106⅜
Pacific Mail	43¾	43⅞
St. Paul	38¼	38¼
St. Paul Preferred	56⅜	56¾
Western Union	78¼	78⅜
Union Pacific	63⅞	66⅜
Lake Shore	73⅜	73⅞
Wabash	15	14⅞
Northwestern	44⅞	44⅞
North-western Preferred	57⅜	57⅜
Delaware and Lackawanna	112¾	*110½
New-Jersey Central	112½	112⅝
Panama	122	120
Erie	29⅝	30¼
Ohio and Mississippi	28⅜	28½
C., C. and Indiana Central	6	6
Harlem	130½	130½

*Ex dividend.

The extreme range of prices and the number of shares sold are as follows:

	Highest.	Lowest.	No. of Shares.
New-York Central	100¾	100¾	145
Erie	30½	29⅞	40,100
Lake Shore	73⅞	73¼	4,600
Wabash	15⅜	14½	8,500
North-western	45	44⅝	9,200
North-western Preferred	57¾	57½	400
Rock Island	106⅜	106	345
Fort Wayne	96½	96½	100
Milwaukee & St. Paul	38⅝	38	10,400
Milwaukee & St. Paul Pref.	56¾	56¾	200
Pittsburg	92	92	100
Del., Lack. & Western	110½	110½	530
New-Jersey Central	112⅝	112½	150
Illinois Central	102	102	645
Union Pacific	67	63¾	56,000
C., C. & Indiana Central	6	5⅞	400
Hannibal & St. Joseph	29	26	8,000
Hannibal & St. Joseph Pref.	35	33	500
Ohio & Mississippi	28⅞	28¼	3,000
Missouri Pacific	50	49⅝	600
Panama	121½	120	300
Western Union	78½	77¾	44,000
Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph	25	24¾	1,000
Pacific Mail	44¼	43⅛	42,300
Quicksilver	26	26	300
Quicksilver Preferred	32½	32½	100
New-Jersey Southern	8⅝	8⅝	700
C., C. & I	62	62	100
Atlantic & Pacific Preferred	15	14⅜	1,500
Canton	62½	62½	100
Consolidation Coal	46	46	100
Total sales			234,310

The following were the closing quotations of Government Bonds:

	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. Cur. 6s	119	119½
6s, '81, r	119¾	120
6s, '81, c	120⅝	121
*5-20s, '62, r	114¼	114½
5-20s, '62, c	116¾	117¼
*5-20s, '64, r	114¼	114½
5-20s, '65, r	116	116¾
5-20s, '65, c	120	120¾
5-20s, '65, n., r	119	119¼

*Ex interest.

The Sub-Treasury disbursed in coin $17,000 for interest, and $25,500 for called bonds.

The day's business at the Gold Exchange Bank to-day covered:

Gold cleared	$77,349,000
Gold balances	2,063,361
Currency balances	2,458,154

Clearing-house statement:

Currency exchanges	$105 806 605
Currrency balances	3,689,022
Gold exchanges	7,327,963
Gold balances	1,278,653

The following were the bids for the various State securities:

Alabama 5s, '83	37	N. Y. 6s, C. L., '77	110
Alabama 5s, '86	37	N. Y. 6s, C. L., '78	110
Alabama 8s, '86	40	N. Y. 5s, G. L., '75	110
Alabama 8s, '88	40	N. C. 6s, old, J. & J.	20½
Ark. 6s, Funded	27	N. C. 6s, April & O.	20¾
Ark. 7s, L. R. & F. S.	9	N. C. 6s, N. C. R., J. & J.	50
Ark. 7s, Memphis & L. R.	9	N. C. 6s, N. C. R., A. & O	50
A. 7s, L. R., P. B. & N. O.	9	N. C. 6s, N. C. R., C. off. Jan. & July	37
A. 7s, Miss., O. & R. R.	9	N. C. 6s, N. C. R., C. off April & Oct.	37
Ark. 7s, Ark. Cen. R.	9	N. C. 6s, F. Act, '66..	10
California 7s	113	N. C. 6s, F. Act, '68..	11
Connecticut 6s	106	N. C. 6s, F. Act, '68, 11	
Georgia 6s	86	N. C. 6s, Sp. Tax, cl. 1.	3¾
Ga. 7s, new bonds	96	N. C. 6s, Sp. Tax, cl. 2.	3¾
Ga. 7s, indorsed	90	N. C. 6s, Sp. Tax, cl. 3.	3¾
Ga. 7s, gold bonds	87	Ohio 6s, 1875	101¼
Ill. Coup. 6s, '77	101	Ohio 6s, 1881	104
Ill. War Loan	101	Ohio 6s, 1886	106
Kentucky 6s	101	Rhode Island 6s	105
Louisiana 6s	30	South Carolina 6s	31
La. 6s, new bonds	30	S. C. 6s, Jan. & July	30
La. 6s, new F. Debt	30	S. C. 6s, April & Oct.	30
La. 7s, Penitentiary	30	S. C. 6s, F. 1866	30
La. 6s, levee bonds	32	S. C. 6s, L. C. 1869, J. & J	30
La. 8s, lev. bds. of '75	32	S. C. 6s, L. C. 1869, A. & O	30
Mich. 6s, '78	104	S. Car. 7s, 1868	30
Mich. 6s, '90	104	S. Car. Non-F. bds	5½
Mich. 7s, '90	107	Tennessee 6s, old	67
Mo. 6s, due in '75	100	Tenn. 6s, old, ex C	50
Mo. 6s, due in '76	100	Tenn. 6s, new bds	68
Fa'g bds, due in '94-5	95	Tenn. 6s, n., ex C	49
L. B. due '81 to '91	97¾	Tenn. 6s, new series	49
Han. & St. Jo. due '75	100	Texas 10s, 1876	97
Han. & St. Jo. due '86	95¾	Virginia 6s, old	49
Han. & St. Jo. due '86, 95¾		Va. 6s, new bds, '66	32½
Han. & St. Jo. due '87, 95¾		Va. 6s, new bds, '67	32½
N. Y. Reg. B. Loan	106⅛	Va. 6s, Con. bds	59½
N. Y. Coup. B. Loan	106⅜	Va. 6s, ex matu'd C.	54½
N. Y. 6s, C. L., '75..110		Va. 6s, Def. bds	8½

And the following for Railway Mortgages:

Alb. & Susq. 1st	108¼	Cleve. & T., new	100
Alb. & Susq. 2d	102¾	Clv. P. & Ash., old b	102
B. H. & E. 1st	24½	C. v. P. & Ash., new b	100
Ches. & Ohio 6s, 1st	44	Detroit, M. & T. bds	100¾
Chic. & Alt. 1st	110¾	Buff. & E., new bds	100
Chic. & Alt. income	100¼	Buff. & State Line 7s	102
La. & Mo. 1st, guar.	91	Lake Shore div. bds	99¼
St. L., J. & Chic. 1st	100	Lake S. con. coup, 1st	102
C., B. & Q. 8 ₱ c. 1st	113	Lake S. con. coup, 2d	92¾
Chic., R. I. & Pac.	107⅜	Lake S. con. reg., 1st	101
Chic. & Pac.	107⅜	Lake S. con. coup 2d	92¾
Cen. R. of N. J. 1st, n	110½	Marietta & Cin., 1st	104
Cen. R. of N. J. 1st, con	104	Mich. C. con., 7s, 1902	103¾
Cen. R. of N. J. con. c	104	M. C., 1st 8s, 1882, S. F.	110½
Am. Dock Co. bds	102½	Mich. C. Equip. bds	103
M. & St. P. 1st, 8s, P. D.	108	N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1883	100
M. & St. P. 1st 7-10 P. D.	90	N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1887	99
M. & St. P. 7s, g., R. D.	83½	N. Y. Cen. 6s, R. E.	95
M. & St. P. 1st, La C. D.	85	N. Y. Cen. 6s, sun'n.	95
M. & St. P. 1st, La C. con.	112½	N. Y. & H. 1st con.	112½
M. & St. P. 2d	75	N. Y. C. & H. 1st reg.	110
M. & St. P. 1st, con	73	Harlem 1st 7s, con.	110½
M. & St. P. 2d	75	Harlem 1st 7s reg.	110¾
Chi. & N. W. S. F.	103	Ohio & M. con., S. F.	98
Chi. & N. W. Int. bds	100	Ohio & M. con.	96
Chi. & N. W. Cons. bds	83¾	Ohio & M. 2d con.	27½
Chi. & N. W. Ext. bds	85	Cen. Pac. gold bds	98½
Chi. & N. W. 1st	99	C. P., San Joaquin Br.	85
Chi. & N. W. C. G. bds.	83½	C. P. Cal. & Or. 1st	86¼
Chi. & N. W. R. G. bds.	82	West. Pac. bds	90¼
Gal. & Chi. Ext	106	U. P. 1st Bonds	97¼
Gal. & Chi. 2d	103½	U. P. L. G. 7s	89½
Pen. 1st Conv	95	U. P. S. Fund	91¾
Chi. & Mil. 1st	94	P. R. of Mo. 1st	89½
C., C., C. & I. 1st, 7s, S. F.	107	P. R. of Mo. 1st C. B.	87
Del., L. & W. 2d	108½	P. R. 7s, g'd by Mo.	100
Del., L. & W. 7s, Conv.	113½	P. Ft. W. & C. 1st	100½
Mor. & Es. 1st	112½	P. Ft. W. & C. 2d	92¼
Mor. & Es. 2d	103	C. & P. Cons. S. F.	105
Mor. & Es. 7s of '71	101¾	C. & P. 4th	96½
Erie 1st Ext	106¼	C. C. & I. 1st	21½
Erie 2d, 7s, '70	101	C. C. & I. 2d	18
Erie 3d, 7s, '83	99	S., L. & T. M. 1st	86½
Erie 4th, 7s, '80	96⅝	A. & T. H. 1st	104
Long Dock bds	103	A. & T. H. 2d Inc	77
Buff., N. Y. & E. 1st, '77	90	B. & S. L. R. 1st 8s	95
B., N. Y. & E. L. 8s	87	T. & W. 1st Ex	83½
Han. & St. J. L. G	102½	T. & W. 1st St. L. D	62
Han. & St. J. 8s, C.	95	T. & W. Cons. 7s	56
Ged. F. & M. 1st	102	T. & W. Cons. 7s, bls	39½
Ind., B. & W. 1st	31	H. & Naples 1st	45
Mt. So. 7 ₱ c. 2d	102¾	Gt. West. 1st, 1888	79
M. S. & N. I. S. F. 7 ₱ c.	107½	Q. & T. 1st 1890	55
Cleve. & T. S. F	105	P. L. & D. 1st	60

And the following for City Bank shares:

America	152	Hanover	90
American Exchange	118⅝	Importers' & Trad'rs'	195
Butchers' & Drov'rs'	132	Irving	127
Chemical	1600	Manhattan	150
City	300	Market	121
Citizens'	125	Leather Manuf'rs'	142
Commerce	118	Merchants'	120
Continental	93½	Metropolitan	135
Corn Exchange	128	N. Y. Nat. Exch'ge	97⅜
First National	200	North America	99½
Fourth National	98⅞	Orient	102
Fulton	163	Pacific	165
German American	87	Park	142
Greenwich	215	Peoples'	140
Grocers'	100	State of New-York	112

PHILADELPHIA STOCK PRICES—APRIL 1,
Telegraphed to Messrs. Randolph, Bickley & Co.

	Bid.	Asked.
City 6s, old	102	102⅛
City 6s, new	105¼	105¾
Camden and Amboy Railroad	130⅜	130⅞
Pennsylvania Railroad	55⅝	55⅞
Philadelphia and Reading Railroad	57⅝	*55⅞
Debigh Valley Railroad	62¾	62⅞
Philadelphia and Erie Railroad	21⅝	21¾
Northern Central Railroad	33	33⅛
Lehigh Zinc	51	51¼
Lehigh Gold Loan	101½	101⅝

*Ex dividend.

The following is a statement of the gross earnings and expenses of the Union Pacific Railroad Company for the month of February, 1874, and 1875:

	1874.	1875.	Increase	Decrease
Gross earnings	$607,990 28	$620,307 24	$12,316 96	
Expenses	374,756 13	272,188 02		
Net earnings	$233,634 15	$348,119 22	$115,085 07	

The March earnings to the 30th, inclusive, show an increase of $168,440 over the same days for March, 1874.

The Singer Manufacturing Company has declared the usual quarterly dividend of *two and a half* ₱ *cent.*, together with an extra dividend, payable on and after April 1.

In another column will be found a notice to the holders of overdue bonds of the State of Georgia, setting forth that, in pursuance of an act passed by the Legislature of that State, March 2, 1875, all bonds which matured on and prior to Jan. 1, 1872, will, unless presented for examination and registration before August next, be declared null and void.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

☞ MERCANTILE AGENCY BRANCH OFFICE.

Messrs. DUN, BARLOW & CO. beg to notify their subscribers that the down-town Branch Office of the Mercantile Agency has been removed to No. 80 Wall st., corner of Pearl, under the Marine Bank. This office is connected by telegraph with the main establishment at No. 335 Broadway, and is maintained purely to enable subscribers in the lower part of the City to obtain immediate responses to their inquiries.

☞ HOLDERS OF COLUMBUS, CHICAGO AND INDIANA CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY first mortgage consolidated bonds are invited to meet at No. 50 Wall st., Room No. 6, second floor, on TUESDAY, April 6, at 1 o'clock, for the purpose of hearing a statement by Mr. Charles F. Southmayd, of Messrs. Evarts, Southmayd & Choate, of the present condition of the C., C. & I. C. Railway Company, and what is proposed to be done for the protection of the first mortgage consolidated bonds.

JAMES MILLIKEN, ADRIAN ISELIN,
WM. H. WHITEWRIGHT, WM. H. GEBHARD,
FRED. J. DE PEYSTER, Committee.
NEW-YORK, April 1, 1875.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

SAVANNAH, April 1.—Cotton quiet; Middling, 15⅞c.; Low Middling, 15¾c.; Good Ordinary, 14⅝c.; net receipts, 712 bales; gross, 786 bales; exports, to Great Britain, 1,052 bales; to the Continent, 2,112 bales; coastwise, 735 bales; sales, 749 bales; stock, 41,198 bales.

NEW-ORLEANS, April 1.—Cotton quiet; Middling, 15⅞c.; net receipts, 704 bales; gross, 1,257 bales; exports, to Great Britain, 2,424 bales; to the Continent, 1,400 bales; sales, 3,650 bales.

GALVESTON, April 1.—Cotton dull; Middling, 15¾c.; net receipts, 737 bales; gross, 763; exports, coastwise, 295 bales; sales, 90 bales; stock, 56,224 bales.

MOBILE, April 1.—Cotton steady; Middling, 15¾c.; net receipts, 54 bales; exports, coastwise, 513 bales; sales, 1,000 bales; stock, 40,187 bales.

CHARLESTON, April 1.—Cotton flat; Middling, 16c.; net receipts, 443 bales; exports, coastwise, 749 bales; sales, 300 bales; stock, 29,650 bales.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Thursday, April 1, 1875.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last has been as follows:

Ashes, pks	42
Beans, bbls	70
Cotton, bales	851
Flour, bbls	5,960
Meal, bbls	856
Wheat, bushels	35,500
Corn, bushels	26,082
Oats, bushels	6,575
Malt, bushels	1,900
Peas, bushels	3,200
Grass-seed, bags	523
Copper, bbls	81
C. S. Oil, bbls	30
Candles, pks	125
Dried Fruit, pks	17
Eggs, bbls	1,656
Grease, pks	40
Flax-seed, bags	171
Hops, bales	10
Hides, No	240

Bbls. Hds. Tcs. Bgs. Pkgs. Total.
Ashes, pks..... 42 Bbls., bbls..... 1,166
Beans, bbls..... 70 Lumber, sticks..... 18,061
Cotton, bales..... 851 Moss, bales..... 54
Flour, bbls..... 5,960 Lard-oil, bbls..... 55
Meal, bbls..... 856 Beef, pks..... 64
Wheat, bushels..... 35,500 Pork, pks..... 1,345
Corn, bushels..... 26,082 Cut-meats, pks..... 601
Oats, bushels..... 6,575 Lard, tcs..... 1,314
Malt, bushels..... 1,900 Lard, kegs..... 200
Peas, bushels..... 3,200 Butter, pks..... 2,577
Grass-seed, bags..... 523 Cheese, pks..... 2,327
Copper, bbls..... 81 Red Oil, bbls..... 50
C. S. Oil, bbls..... 30 Spirits, pcs..... 1,211
Candles, pks..... 125 Starch, pks..... 2,354
Dried Fruit, pks..... 17 Sugar, bbls..... 681
Eggs, bbls..... 1,656 Tow, bales..... 19
Grease, pks..... 40 Tobacco, hhds..... 62
Flax-seed, bags..... 171 Tobacco, pks..... 134
Hops, bales..... 10 Wool, bales..... 1,400
Hides, No..... 240 Whisky, bbls..... 763

ASHES—Have been in some request, with Pots quoted at $6, and Pearls at $7 87½@$8 ₱ 100 lb.

BEES-WAX—Has been in very good demand and quoted firm at from 33c.@35c. for Yellow, on restricted offerings.

COFFEE—A brisk demand prevails for Rio at a further advance of ⅛c. ₱ lb., making the rise since Tuesday ¼c. ₱ lb., the market closing strong at the improvement, with the stocks of first hands materially reduced, being this evening here down to 67,749 bags. Sales have been made here to-day of 13,053 bags, including 7,000 bags by Hallgarten & Co., at full rates; 3,500

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

At the Exchange yesterday, (Thursday,) April 1, at an executor's sale, under the direction of James Baird, Esq., B. P. Fairchild disposed of the following property: One lot, 12.9 by 75 by 24.11 by $8.11, on the Grand Boulevard, east side, 12 feet south of One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, $4,900; one lot, 25 by 75, on the Grand Boulevard, adjoining above, $4,400; two lots, each 25 by 75, with two-story and basement frame house, 50 by 25, thereon, adjoining above, $8,900, and a plot of land, 25.1 by 44.5 by 50 by 66, on One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street, south-west side, at its junction with Manhattan street, extending through to Blackberry alley, between the Grand Boulevard and Tenth avenue, $7,000. The entire property was purchased by Thomas Lang, one of the heirs to the estate. The only other sale made was one by James M. Miller, who, by order of the Supreme Court, in foreclosure, William S. Kelley, Esq., Referee, sold the three-story and basement brown-stone-front house, with lot 21 by 100.5, No. 146 East Fifty-third street, south side, 133 feet east of Lexington avenue, for $12,050, the buyer being Thomas Stokes.

The desirable residence No. 18 East Fortieth street, owned by Mr. Josiah Jex, will be offered for sale to-day at auction, instead of yesterday, as was announced.

TO-DAY'S AUCTIONS.

To-day's sales at the Exchange are as follows:

By E. H. Ludlow & Co., public auction sale to close joint inte est of the following choice property: One four-story and basement brown-stone-front house, 30 by 66, with lot 2?.9 feet deep, No. 18 East Fortieth street, south side, between Fifth and Madison avenues; four lots, each 25.2 by 100, on Fifth avenue, north-east corner of Ninety-second street; four lots, together forming a plot in size 99.11 by 100, on Fifth avenue, south-west corner of One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street; and one lot, 50 by 99.11, on West One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, south side, 100 feet west of Fifth avenue, in rear of above. Also, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, George P. Smith, Esq., Referee, of a plot of six lots, together in size 75 by 199.10, on West One Hundred and Fifty-first street, north side, extending through to One Hundred and Fifty-second street, 100 feet west of Tenth avenue, with a large brick dwelling house 50 feet square and a stable thereon.

By James M. Miller, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, W. L. Livingston, Esq., Referee, of one three-story and basement brown-stone-front house, with lot 16.8 by 58, on Prospect place, east side, 17.1 feet north of Forty-second street. Also similar sale, W. S. Kelley, Esq., Referee, of three lots, together in size 52.5 by 17.2 by 20 by 34.6 by 72.5 by 51.8, with buildings, on Baxter street, west side, 46.4 feet south of Hester street.

By Hugh N. Camp, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, George Waddington, Esq., Referee, of one house, with lot 25 by 80, on West Twenty-third street, south side, 25 feet west of Seventh avenue.

By William Kennelly, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, E. F. Farrell, Esq., Referee, of one house, with lot 22 by 80, on Rivington street, north-east corner of Ludlow street.

By George H. Scott, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, William S. Kelley, Esq., Referee, of the premises No. 23 Spring street, north side, 40.6 feet east of Mott street, comprising a lot 23.9 by 119.3 by 23.3 by 124, with a three-story and attic brick-front house upon the front thereof and a five-story brick tenement-house in rear.

By Richard V. Harnett, Supreme Court foreclosure sale, R. B. Roosevelt, Esq., Referee, of one lot, 24.9 by 100, with improvements, on Eleventh avenue, north-east corner of Thirty-ninth street; also, similar sale, O. H. Bogert, Esq., Referee, of one lot, 23 by 75.5, (rear line twenty-five feet,) on West Sixty-eighth street, north side, 99.9 feet west of Broadway.

EXCHANGE SALES, THURSDAY, APRIL 1.

NEW-YORK.

By Benjamin P. Fairchild.

1 lot, Grand Boulevard, e.s., 12.2 ft. s. of 126th st., 12.8x75x24.1x98.11 (on 126th st)..... $4,900
1 lot, Grand Boulevard, e. s., adjoining above, 25x75..... 4,400
1 two-story and basement frame house and 2 lots, Grand Boulevard, e. s., adjoining above, lots each 25x75, house 50x25, sold in 1 parcel..... 8,900
1 plot, 127th st., s. w. s., intersection with Manhattan st., running through to Blackberry alley, between the Grand Boulevard and 10th av., 25.1x44.5x50x66..... 7,000

By James M. Miller.

1 three-story and basement brown-stone front house and lot, No. 146 East 53d st., s. 133 ft. e. of Lexington av., lot 21x100.5..... 12,050

RECORDED REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

NEW-YORK.

Wednesday, March 31.

Baxter st., w. s., 46.4 ft. s. of Hester st., 17.1x52.5; Baxter st., w. s., 63.6 ft. s. of Hester st., 34.6x72.5: H. Baker to A. G. Morgan..... $23,000
Charles st., s. s., No. 62, 25.1x75; J. Meeks, Referee, to Christ na K. Martling..... 2,925
Henry st., s. s., 191.3 ft. e. of Scammel st., 21x100; T. Schroff to S. Windt..... 22,600
135th st., n. s., 350.4 ft. e. of 8th av., 25x84.39.1; also interior plot, being part of old Arden land, Indefinite; R. G. Remsen to Susan Fairchild..... 14,750
138th st., n. s. 265 ft. w. of Avenue A, 25x92: E. D. Gale, Referee, to A. Cardozo and R. S. Newcombe..... 11,800
136th st., s. s., 200 ft. w. of Avenue A, 25x92; J. P. O'Neill, Referee, to A. Cardozo and R. S. Newcombe..... 11,250
51st st., n. s., 175 ft. w. of 7th av., 25x98.9; A. Lewis and Imogenia, wife of J. S. Oliver, to J. Riddle..... 14,000
92d st., s. s., 2 0 ft. w. of 3d av., 20x98.9; T. Haulon to J. Kelly, ½ part..... 150
93d st., n. s., No. 44, 21.1x98.9; J. W. Schenck to Helen M. Graham, widow, and Helen M. Graham, the younger..... 35,000
96th st., n. s., 225.5 ft. w. of 3d av., 17.8x98.9; N. Jarvis, Jr., Referee, to H. Levin..... 12,625
44th st., s. s., 375 ft. w. of 6th av., 20x100.4; Caroline A., wife of T. H. Vultee, to Euphemia A., wife of G. F. Hawes..... 18,000
93d st., s. s., 150 ft. w. of 3d av., 25x102.2; S. Windt to A. Hartwig..... 17,000
69th st., n. s., 275 ft. e. of 11th av., 100x102.2; also, interior lot adjoining above on east, at point 51.9 ft. s. of 70th st., runs e. 75 ft., thence s. 47.9 ft., thence w. 75 ft., thence n. 50.5 ft.; A. F. Isaac to A. E. Eno..... 20,000
67th st., s. s., 366.3 ft. e. of Av. A, 18.3x62.3; J. Billenbrand to P. Bager..... 12,250
57th st., n. s., 125 ft. w. of 1st av., 50x100.8; G. S. Sedgwick, Referee, to S. Bache..... 9,700
121st st., s. s., 120 ft. w. of 1st av., 20x100.10; M. Brown to J. H. Sackett..... 1,500
128th st., s. s., 273.9 ft. e. of 3d av., 18.9x99.11; T. Stead to W. H. Pryde..... 3,000
126th st., s. s., 225 ft. e. of 10th av., 300x119.11; T. Winsor to D. Tomlinson..... 33,769
Greenwich av., No. 263, 26.10x77.1; J. Moneypenny to J. Volhard..... 15,100
Madison av., e. s., 82.2 ft. n. of 79th st., 20x77; T. Winsor to D. Tomlinson..... 45,000
Washington av., e. s., 50 ft. s. of Tallmadge st., 100.8x98; Madison av., s. w. corner of Tallmadge st., 150x50; Madison av., s. e. corner of Talmadge st., 9.1x121x3ix21x150; Madison av., n. e. corner of Tallmadge st., 100x95.10ux100—; Fletcher st., n. w. corner of Washington av., 100x100; Railroad av., n. e. corner of Fletcher st., 50x 100; Washington av., e. s., 323 ft. n. of Quarry road, 75x105: Florine A., wife of H. Everson, Jr., to I. N. Hebbard..... 1,300
8th av., s. e. corner of 55th st., 50.5x100; A. F. Eno to A. R. Eno..... 30,000
8th av., w. s., 66.4 ft. n. of 17th st., 20.4x100; D. Cargill to D. L. Bradbury..... 15,000
8th av., w. s., 24.8 ft. n. of 53d st., 24.8x100; Jane Morrow, widow of Y. Morrow, John Morrow, and Sarah A., wife of J. Menair, to W. Morrow..... 21,000
11th av., e. s., 80.7 ft. s. of 49th st., 19.3x75; A. R. Hutcheon to R. H. P. List..... 10,750
11th av., w. s., extending from 72d st. to 73d st., 204.4x175; W. Richardson to H. L. Anderson, 1-10 part..... 100

LEASES RECORDED.

Broadway, w. s., 46.2 ft. n. of 9th st., 23.1x101.11x23.11x100.4: Sailor's Snug Harbor to J. Blackstock; 21 years, per year..... $3,750
Broadway, w. s., 69.4 ft. n. of 9th st., 23.1x103.5; Sailor's Snug Harbor to J. Blackstock; 21 years, per year..... 3,750
Clinton place, s. s., 79.7 ft. w. of University place, 22x120; Sailor's Snug Harbor to James Blackstock; 21 years, per year..... 600
West st., No. 153, 1 year..... 3,250
135th st., s. s., 77 ft. e. of 3d av., 25x77, Mary R. Stuyvesant to P. J. Seiter; 21 years, per year..... 500
87th st., West No. 405, store, basement, and two third story; five years, per year..... 800
3d av., s. e. corner of 13th st., 25x77; Mary R. Stuyvesant to P. J. Seiter; twenty-one years, per year..... 1,150
3d av., e. s., 91 ft. s. of 13th st., 26x77; same to same; twenty-one years, per year..... 890
3d av., e. s., 25 ft. s. of 13th st., 26x77; same to same; twenty-one years, per year..... 890
4th av., Nos. 545 and 547, with large plot in rear; ten years, per year..... 8,500

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The whole property constitutes the most complete and magnificent summer hotel in the world, capable of accommodating over one thousand guests.

For further particulars inquire of PUTNAM & EUSTIS, Plaintiffs' Attorneys, Saratoga Springs, or of the subscriber.

JOHN WILLARD LESTER, Referee.
SARATOGA SPRINGS, March 18, 1875.

FOR SALE, OR TO LET—FURNISHED OR UNfurnished, at Montrose, N. J., the residence of the late John D. Vose. The place contains ten acres of choice land on the high ridge overlooking the Orange Mountain, and commanding an extensive view in every direction; the house was built upon the plans and under the superintendence of Messrs. Duggin & Crossman, the well-known architects, and was selected by Mr. Gervase Wheeler, the London architect, in his work entitled, "The Choice of a Dwelling," (London, 1872) as an exponent of the better class of American country residences; it contains ample accommodations for a large family, with every appointment of a gentleman's country residence, including gas, water, burglar alarm, and electric bell connecting with coachman's house, &c. For further information apply to W. A. BREWER, Jr., Executor, No. 165 Broadway, New-York, or to I. H. GERRY, No. 39 Nassau st., (office hours 1 to 3 P. M.

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REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

NEW-YORK SUPERIOR COURT.—GEORGE ETTLINGER against FREDERICK STIEMILLER, CHARLES G. GOELLER, and others.—In pursuance of a judgment of foreclosure and sale made and entered in this action on the 6th day of October, 1874, I, the Referee named in said judgment, will sell at public auction, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on the 29th day of March, 1875, at 12 o'clock noon, by Vernon R. Stevenson, Jr., auctioneer, the following described premises, viz.: All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land, with the building thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Tenth Ward of the City of New-York, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the northerly side of Delancey street, distant fifty (50) feet and three (3) inches westerly from the north-westerly corner of Norfolk and Delancey streets, running thence northerly and parallel with Norfolk street sixty-nine (69) feet eight (8) inches, thence easterly and parallel with Delancey street twenty-five (25) feet to the centre of a party wall, thence southerly and partly through the centre of a party wall sixty-nine (69) feet eight (8) inches to the northerly side of Delancey street, and thence westerly along said northerly side of Delancey street twenty-five (25) feet to the point or place of beginning.

Dated New-York, March 4, 1875.

JOHN E. WARD, Referee.

D. S. RIDDLE, Plaintiff's Attorney, No. 37 Park row.

The above sale is hereby adjourned to MONDAY, April 12, 1875, at the same place and hour.

Dated March 29, 1875. JOHN E. WARD, Referee.

D. S. RIDDLE, Plaintiff's Attorney.

TRUSTEES' SALE OF DWELLING NO. 30 WEST 18TH ST.—E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, April 6, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, Trinity Building, New-York, by order of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church, corner of 5th av. and 19th st.:

WEST EIGHTEENTH STREET.—The valuable four-story high-stoop brick (brown-stone trimmings) dwelling and lot No. 30 West 18th st., between 5th and 6th avs.; house 24.6x50 feet, in excellent order, and contains modern conveniences; lot 24.6x37 feet. House can be seen by permit. Fifty per cent. can remain on bond and mortgage. Permits and full particulars at the auctioneers', No. 3 Pine st., New-York.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF THE ESTATE OF

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SALE ABSOLUTE AND WITHOUT RESERVE.

On SATURDAY, April 3, 1875,

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AT HEMPSTEAD, LONG ISLAND,

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MORRIS WILKINS, Auctioneer.

POSITIVE SALE TO CLOSE A JOINT INTEREST—VALUABLE PROPERTY ON FIFTH AVENUE AND EAST FORTIETH STREET.

E. B. SUTTON & CO. will sell at auction, on FRIDAY, April 2, 1875, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange sales-room, No. 111 Broadway:

FIFTH AVENUE.—Four lots, north-east corner 5th av. and 92d st., each 25.2x100 feet.

FIFTH AVENUE.—Five lots, south-west corner of 5th av. and 126th st., 99.11x120 feet.

EAST FOURTEENTH STREET.—The first-class extra wide four-story brown-stone dwelling and lot, No. 18 East 40th st., between 5th and Madison avs. This substantial house contains all modern conveniences, and is extraordinarily well built in every respect. Lot 30x98.9. It will be offered at an upset price and sold to the highest bidder, unless previously disposed of at private sale.

Terms will be made known at sale. Maps at the auctioneer's office, No. 3 Pine st.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF VALUABLE LOTS on 64th st., between Grand Boulevard and Central Park, northern section of Goulert Brothers, attorneys.—A. J. BLEECKER & SON will sell at auction on THURSDAY, April 15, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, two lots on 64th st., on the south side, 300 feet west of 8th av., (Central Park,) and about 350 feet easterly from the Boulevard, (Broadway,) each 25x100.5. Maps and particulars at No. 35 Pine st.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE WAREHOUSE, NEAR THE BRIDGE.—FRIDAY, April 9, at 12 M., at Exchange Sales-room, the substantial five-story brick house and lot No. 295 Water st., between Dover and Roosevelt, now occupied by Brambrall, Deane & Co.; size, 23x23x72; covers the entire lots. Maps and particulars at the office of the auctioneers.

A. J. BLEECKER & SON, No. 35 Pine st.

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TO LET.—AN ELEGANTLY FURNISHED HOUSE, containing five bedrooms, reception-room, parlor, billiard-room, conservatory, fountain, &c., with six additional rooms in the attic; stabling for five horses; plenty of fruit, shade, and eighteen acres in lawn grass; everything complete, at the nominal rent of $2,400 per year, as the owner leaves for Europe in May; the above place is within easy access of Riverdale, Mount St. Vincent, and Yonkers depots on the Hudson River Railroad. Address, R. BISSER, Yonkers, or at No. 213 West 22d st.

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Further particulars from HOMER MORGAN,
No. 2 Pine st.

TO LET,
House No. 35 Lafayette place.
House No. 483 West 22d st.
House No. 30 West 4th st.
House No. 4 Depau row.
House No. 115 Bleecker st.
House No. 117 Bleecker st.
Inquire of A. T. STEWART'S Agent, Broadway and Chambers st., between 12 and 3 P. M.

TO RENT—AT PIERMONT, WITHIN TEN MINutes of depot, the handsome place lately owned by George A. Jones; the place has 22 acres, mansion, stable, and garden; it will be rented for one or more years at a very low rent; the situation is very fine; elegant view of the Hudson for miles; fine neighborhood, and perfectly healthy. Apply to HUGH N. CAMP, No. 106 Broadway.

TO LET AT TARRYTOWN—NEW HOUSE, 30x28, with all modern improvements; lot 90x125, with stable; splendid river views; ten minutes from station; house has parlor, dining, reception, and six bed rooms; the cheapest place on the Hudson River; rent to a prompt tenant, $800. Apply to WM. WALLACE, No. 29 Cortlandt st.

TWENTY-FOURTH WARD.—FIVE MINUTES from Tremont Station, thirty minutes from Grand Central Depot—To let, a first-class house, sixteen rooms, and eight lots; rent to a first-class tenant, $550 a year. Apply to owner,
JOHN C. OTTIWELL, No. 199 3d av.

FURNISHED AND UNFURNISHED RESIDENCES TO LET,
in choice locations.
B. W. WILLIAMS,
No. 837 6th av.

ORANGE, N. J.—THIS VICINITY SPECIALTY.—We offer complete variety furnished and unfurnished residences for rent, season or year; also some decided bargains for sale, prices to suit times. Offices, Orange, opposite principal depot and No. 30 Pine st.
HAMILTON & WALLIS.

TO LET, FURNISHED.—ON CENTRAL AV., near Woodlawn Depot, Harlem Railroad, a large house, with hot, garden, carriage-house, &c., hot and cold water in kitchen, plenty of fruit and shade. Apply to S. M. VALENTINE, No. 84 Burling slip, up stairs.

FACTORY FOR RENT, REASONABLY—ON the Morris Canal in Jersey City, near the Central and Newark and New-York Railway; building large and well lighted, and Passaic water; steam engine left in if desired. RANDOLPH BROS., No. 111 Broadway, New-York City.

TO LET, UNFURNISHED—POSSESSION AT once—the fine, desirably located high-stoop house No. 534 7th av., near 42d st. and Broadway cars; good order, all improvements; $1,500. Apply on premises or to owner, No. 723 6th av.

AT NEW-BRIGHTON.—SEVERAL HOUSES TO let, one furnished; all are near ferry; have large grounds; plenty of shade; fine view, and all improvements. A. F. PRETTIE,
No. 202 Broadway.

NINTH WARD.—THE WHOLE OR PART of three-story high-stoop house No. 109 Bank st.; also part of house No. 774 Greenwich st.; all modern improvements; large yards, good rear. RUFUS KING, No. 67 7th av.

APRIL LIST.—FURNISHED AND UNFURNISHED houses; reduced rentals 111 On and adjoining 5th, Madison, and Park avs.
Offices, No. 11 Pine st. and No. 33 East 17th st.
V. K. STEVENSON, Jr.

TO RENT—ON 5TH AV., NEAR 49TH ST., A desirable first-class four-story high-stoop brown-stone house, 25x65x100. The house will be put in perfect order, and possession given May 1, 1875. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine st.

TO RENT—FIRST-CLASS FLATS, EIGHT ROOMS, all light, with all the modern improvements, near corner 71st st. and 2d av.; building ninety feet deep; rent moderate. Apply to L. J. CARPENTER, No. 26 3d av., Bible-house.

AN 8TH AV. CORNER TO LEASE—WEST side 27th st.; would lease for a term of years to a good responsible party; alterations made by owner or lessee, as per agreement. JAMES R. EDWARDS,
No. 69 West 23d st.

TO LET—THE THREE-STORY ENGLISH BASEment house No. 117 West 38th st., between Broadway and 6th av.; rent, $1,600 to a good tenant. Apply to JOSIAH JEX, No. 18 East 40th st.

TWENTY-ONE MOST DESIRABLE PRIVATE RESIdences, belonging to the North American Life Insurance Co., rent per annum from $1,000 to $5,000, to lease for a term of years. K. P. PAGE, 33 Park row, Manager.

DWELLING-HOUSE, NO. 140 WEST 4TH ST., near Washington square, to let or lease; also, house No. 418 4th av. Apply to owner, ROBERT I. BROWN, No. 20 Nassau st.

TO RENT—THE FIRST-CLASS ENGLISH BASEment, four-story brown-stone house; in good order; 20x70x100. Apply to owner, No. 314 West 34th st.

TO LET—SECOND FLOOR: FIVE ROOMS; ALL light; with wash-house and all modern improvements; rent $35. Can be seen between 10 and 4 at No. 232 West 17th st.

$1,500 RENT FOR A FINE FOUR-STORY high-stoop house, No. 50 East 74th st., or will sell at great sacrifice. FRANKFIELD, owner, No. 323 8th av.

TWO-STORY AND BASEMENT BRICK house, No. 27 East 123d st., to let or lease; also a shop at No. 196 Franklin st. Owner, ROBERT I. BROWN, No. 20 Nassau st.

TO LET—AT SCARSDALE, WESTCHESTER COUNty, near depot, frame house, ten rooms; with garden, ice-house, &c. Apply to WILLIAM H. POPHAM, No. 61 Front st.

LARGE HOUSE, LANDSCAPE, SPRING, Brook, lawn, 25 acres; rent, furnished or unfurnished. Address Box No. 14, Somerville, N. J.

TO LET—A VERY CONVENIENT HOUSE TO ONE party, or would divide between two small families. Inquire after 2 P. M., at No. 125 East 31st st.

MORRISTOWN (N. J.) PROPERTY, A Specialty.—Cottages to rent furnished, or for sale. J. D. CONDICT, No. 149 Broadway.

TO LET—HOUSE 18 WEST WASHINGTON PLACE. Apply to JOHN WARREN & SON, 58 Wall st.

HOUSES & ROOMS WANTED.

WANTED—FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS, A moderate-sized cottage (furnished) within easy drive from City. Address with terms, Post Office box No. 160, City.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

No. 10 WALL ST., NEW-YORK, April 1, 1875.

THE FIRM OF FRANCIS T. WALKER & CO., limited partnership, expiring this day, by limitation, the business will be continued by same parties under same firm name, FRANCIS T. WALKER resuming his interest as general partner.

FRANCIS T. WALKER,
JOSIAH B. GREENMAN.

NEW-YORK, March 31, 1875.

MR. CHARLES L. RATHBORNE WITHdraws from our firm this day.

BRITTON, VAN VECHTEN & CO.

Mr. RATHBORNE'S business address will be at our office as heretofore.

BRITTON & VAN VECHTEN. No. 5 New st.

EXCURSIONS.

STEAM-BOATS AND BARGES FOR EXCURsions to Raritan Beach, Sea View, Long Island, and Willow Hall Grove. MARTIN & KASKELL, 111 South st.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

THE NEW UP-TOWN OFFICE OF THE TIMES.

THE TIMES has established a new Up-town Branch office for the sale of papers, the reception of advertisements and subscriptions, and the transaction of any business in connection with the paper. It is located at

No. 1,257 Broadway, between 31st and 32d sts.,

and is open daily, Sundays included, from 4 A. M. to 9 P. M.

ADVERTISEMENTS RECEIVED UNTIL 9 P. M.

FIFTH AV. AND 44TH ST.—TO LEASE—SPACious apartments, in suites of 3 to 8 rooms, in the Sherwood Houses, with every comfort and luxury, without the cares of house-keeping; meals supplied at table d'hote or by private table, by an experienced caterer; elevator, hot and cold water, baths, and closets in abundance. The houses have a sunny exposure, and plenty of light. Apply at No. 551 5th av., to

JAMES P. COLTS.

NO. 24 WEST 16TH ST., BETWEEN 5TH AND 6TH AVS.—To let, an entire second floor, handsomely furnished, to a party of gentlemen or small family; private table or breakfast only; also, other rooms; references exchanged.

A LARGE WELL-FURNISHED ROOM, near Union Club, to let to a gentleman, without meals; house first-class. Apply to owner, No. 5 West 23d st.

FIFTH AV., NO. 294.—ONE SUITE OF HANDsomely-furnished apartments; every convenience, with board; also, front rooms for single gentlemen; terms moderate; references.

FIFTH AV., BETWEEN 11TH AND 12TH STS.—Desirable suites of apartments on first and third floors, with or without private table, in the pleasantly-located double house No. 45 5th av.

NO. 102 WEST 38TH ST.—BETWEEN 6TH av. and Broadway.—To let to gentlemen, without board, second-floor front sleeve; also, second and third floor, sunny rooms; and breakfast in room if desired.

FIFTH AV., NO. 351.—A DESIRABLE FLOOR, newly furnished, with piano, &c.; en suite or separately; with or without private table; single rooms to gentlemen, without board.

A LARGE, COMFORTABLY-FURNISHED front room, on second floor, to let, to one or two gentlemen, with breakfast, in a private French family; terms moderate. Apply at No. 339 West 21st st.

NO. 10 EAST 28TH ST., NEAR 5TH AV.—Pleasant third-floor room; board if desired; small, select family; satisfactory terms to agreeable parties. No moving.

A HANDSOME PARLOR FLOOR, WITH private bath and dressing-room, to let, with or without board, or private table; location central.
J. G. SANDS, No. 1,193 Broadway.

TWENTY-SECOND ST., NO. 62, WEST.—To let, with first-class board, well-furnished rooms on second and third stories; also table board; references.

NO. 44 7TH AV., BETWEEN 13TH AND 14TH STS.—To let, with board, a suite of rooms, second floor; also, two rooms for gentlemen, fourth floor; best of references.

NO. 219 EAST 19TH ST.—A FINE FURNISHED room, third story front, in private family; gas, water, ample closets, and every convenience.

NO. 111 WEST 38TH ST.—TO LET, WITH board, two rooms on second floor and four on third, furnished.

NO. 25 WEST 26TH ST., FIVE DOORS from St. James Hotel, handsome second floor to let, single or en suite, with or without board.

NO. 107 WEST 42D ST.—TO RENT, WITH board, large second-story front room, to gentleman and wife; private family; references exchanged.

DESIRABLE ROOMS, FURNISHED, FOR gentlemen; central neighborhood; contiguous to seven lines of cars. No. 35 West 10th st.

ADJOINING GRAND HOTEL.—ELEGANTLY furnished rooms, No. 36 West 31st st.; references exchanged.

NO. 44 WEST 32D ST.—ELEGANT ROOMS ON the parlor, second, and third floors to let, with board; location, table, reference, first class.

NO. 22 EAST 41ST ST.—LARGE AND SMALL room, suitable for family of three or more, with board.

NO. 24 WEST 39TH ST.—TWO THIRD-STOR

ALBANY.

GENERAL LEGISLATION AT THE STATE CAPITAL.

BUSY DAY IN THE ASSEMBLY—A METROPOLITAN STREET-CLEANING BILL—PROPOSED REORGANIZATION OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT—LEGISLATION AGAINST JUDICIAL NEPOTISM AND DILATORINESS—PAY FOR THE "SCANDAL TRIAL" JURORS—MISCELLANEOUS AFFAIRS.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Thursday, April 1, 1875.

The canal question, for once, gave way to-day to the pressure of general public business, and almost the entire day's session of the Legislature was occupied in the introduction, passage, and consideration of laws of a general or local character. The consequence was that a large amount of business was transacted.

A STREET-CLEANING BILL.

Mr. Timothy J. Campbell, of New-York, introduced a bill to provide for the cleaning of the streets of New-York City, which has been drawn with special reference to the recommendations in the report of the House Committee on Cities, by whom the investigation into the Street-cleaning Bureau was conducted last Winter. The more important sections of the bill are as follows:

SECTION 1. The power to supervise and perform the work of cleaning the streets, avenues, lanes, alleys, places, wharves, piers, and heads of slips in the City of New-York, and the removal of ashes, garbage, rubbish, and sweepings therefrom, as set forth in this act, shall be vested in a Commissioner, to be appointed by the Mayor of said City, and which Commissioner shall be known as the Commissioner of Street-cleaning. He shall hold his office for the term of three years, and until his successor in office shall be appointed and qualified. He shall be removable by the Mayor of said City for incompetency or for other sufficient cause, but not until he shall have had the opportunity of a full hearing after being served with written charges, and shall have had the advice and assistance of counsel in his defense if he shall so desire. The first Commissioner to be appointed under this act shall enter upon the duties of his office on the 1st day of June next, from which time his term of office shall date.

SEC. 4. The said Commissioner of Street-cleaning is hereby invested with full and exclusive power and authority, and is hereby charged with the duty of causing all the streets, avenues, lanes, alleys, gutters, wharves, piers, and heads of slips in said City to be well and thoroughly cleaned, and kept at all times thoroughly cleaned, and remove immediately all ashes, garbage, rubbish, dirt, and sweepings of every kind, from all dwellings, stores, public buildings, and institutions; the said ashes, garbage, dirt, rubbish and sweepings shall be removed from the City as fast as collected, except such dirt and ashes as may be necessary, and such as may, in the opinion of the Commissioner, with the approval of the Board of Health, be suitable for filling in low grounds or sunken lots.

SEC. 5. The said Commissioner of Street-cleaning is hereby invested with the power and authority to perform all or any part of the work of street-cleaning, or to give out contracts for all or any part of the same, or perform, or cause to be performed, the work in any way that shall best secure economy and thorough cleanliness of the streets.

SEC. 6. The said Commissioner of Street Cleaning is hereby invested with power to purchase all horses, carts, machines, scows, boats, or other implements that may be necessary, &c.

SEC. 7. All of the working stock and implements now in the possession of the Board of Police, and in use for street-cleaning purposes, are hereby transferred to the said Commissioner of Street Cleaning.

SEC. 8. The said Commissioner of Street Cleaning is hereby authorized to make such sales of ashes, garbage, manure, or any other part of the refuse collected from the streets, as may be convenient, and all moneys obtained from such sales shall be used in defraying the expenses of executing the powers conferred by this act. All sales made and all moneys received under this section shall be reported to the Controller monthly.

SEC. 11. All the powers and authority in regard to the cleaning of the streets conferred on the Board of Police Commissioners, or on any subordinate officers of the Police Department, by the act of the Legislature, chapter 677, passed May 18, 1872, or any and all powers and authority in regard to street-cleaning conferred or granted to them by the sixty-seventh section of the charter for the City of New-York, chapter 335, passed April 13, 1873, are hereby abrogated and annulled.

SEC. 12. The unexpended appropriation for street-cleaning for 1875 is hereby transferred, and the Controller of the City of New-York is authorized to transfer the same from the credit of the Board of Police Commissioners to that of the Commissioner of Street-cleaning, to be drawn on by said Commissioner of Street-cleaning and paid by him monthly, or as often as may be necessary to meet the current expenses of the work.

SEC. 13. The said Commissioner of Street Cleaning shall, on or before the first day of December, 1875, and the first day of December in each subsequent year, make an estimate of the sum of money necessary to defray all the expenses to be incurred, and payments to be made, for the year next ensuing, in executing the several provisions of this act, and shall submit such estimate to the Mayor and Controller, who, together with the Commissioner of Street Cleaning, shall, within fifteen days thereafter, fix and determine from such estimate the amount which said Commissioner of Street Cleaning may be authorized to expend during such year in executing the several provisions of this act; and such amount, when so determined by the Mayor, Controller, and Commissioner of Street Cleaning, shall thereby become appropriated. The amount thus established shall be certified to by the Controller, and the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of New-York shall cause the same to be raised and collected annually from taxes in the manner now prescribed by law. The Controller is authorized to borrow, upon revenue bonds, in anticipation of said taxes, whatever sum may be necessary in each year to meet the expenses to be incurred in executing the several provisions of this act, not exceeding in any one year the amount appropriated for said year, as herein provided, and to place such moneys to the credit of said Commissioner of Street Cleaning from time to time, to be drawn on by his written requisition, as it may be needed to execute the several provisions of this act.

THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

Mr. Haaschel, of New-York, introduced a bill for the reorganization of the Department of Buildings in the City of New-York. It provides for the appointment by the Mayor, with the consent of the Board of Aldermen, of four Commissioners, who shall hold office for the term of one to four years, at least one of said Commissioners shall be an architect by education and profession, and the remainder shall be practical builders, stone-masons, or carpenters. They are to exercise, enjoin, and perform all the duties and functions of the present department or Commissioners of Buildings, and shall be paid a salary of $3,000 per annum.

THE GILBERT ELEVATED RAILWAY.

Mr. Reilly, of New-York, introduced a bill to amend the act incorporating the Gilbert Elevated Railway Company. It provides that the company may change the route of their line so as to run upon the Bowery and Third avenue to Harlem.

ANOTHER "SCANDAL TRIAL" BILL.

Mr. Kennaday, of Kings, introduced a bill authorizing the Board of Supervisors of Kings County to pay to jurors sitting, or who may hereafter sit, on civil trials for a period of more than sixty days in the hearing of any one trial or cause, extra compensation; the amount of such compensation to be fixed in the discretion of said Board of Supervisors.

CODE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Dessar, of New-York, introduced a bill to amend the Code of Procedure. It provides that section 287 of the Code shall be amended as follows:

"But no person shall be so appointed Referee who may be at the time acting as the Clerk, Deputy or Assistant Clerk in the Clerk's Office of any of the courts of record in this State, or who may be within the degrees of consanguinity to any of the Judges of the court so making the appointment, or who shall hold any salaried office in the city or county, other than one made under the laws of the United States."

Also amending section 13 as follows:

"And it shall be the duty of the Judges so holding a general term to make and render decisions in and upon all cases argued before or submitted to them on or before the first day of the next succeeding general term at which the same shall have been argued or submitted, and a failure so to do shall be deemed a willful neglect of duty."

Mr. Costigan, of New-York, also introduced an amendment to the code of procedure designed to prevent the practice of unduly harassing judgment debtors by the abuse of examination on supplemental proceedings.

REGULATING THE GAS COMPANIES.

The bill introduced by Mr. Coffey, of Kings, to regulate the price, quality, and illuminating power of gas furnished to consumers in the City of Brooklyn and to provide for inspection of meters came up for consideration in Committee of the Whole. Mr. Alvord, of Onondaga, opposed the bill on the ground that its provisions were wholly unconstitutional, being in contravention of section 8 of article 5 of the amended Constitution. He was well aware that the bill was purely a local measure, but he could not sit here and see even local measures passed, when they were in violation of the Constitution, without recording his protest. The section to which he alluded clearly forbade the exercise of supervisory power over any mercantile or manufacturing business such as was here contemplated. Messrs. Worth, of Kings, and Coffey spoke briefly in favor of the measure, claiming that it was a matter of urgent necessity, and that on every former occasion, when bills of this kind were urged, they had been killed off by this cry of unconstitutionality. That was a question which the courts could, perhaps, most appropriately decide.

Mr. Alvord's motion to strike out was lost, and the bill ordered to a third reading.

LICENSE FEES FOR PLACES OF AMUSEMENT.

The bill introduced by Mr. Beach, of New-York, providing that places of amusement shall not be subject to payment of license fees for performances given in aid of charitable or religious objects, was also considered in Committee of the Whole and recommended for final passage.

THE THOMPSON-YEOMANS ELECTION CASE.

The long-contested election case of Thompson vs. Yeomans was settled to-day by the adoption of the majority report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, declaring the sitting member (Thompson) entitled to the seat.

CONFIRMATIONS BY THE SENATE.

In executive session to-day the Senate confirmed the following nominations by the Governor: Loan Commissioner—Charles D. Ingersoll; Commissioners State Board of Charities—John C. Devereux, Utica; Theodore Roosevelt, New-York; Henry Hoguet, New-York; Charles H. Marshall, New-York; A. A. Low, Brooklyn.

EVENING SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY—BILLS ORDERED TO A THIRD READING—A BROADWAY PAVING JOB—THE LIFE INSURANCE BILL—AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE CENTENNIAL COMMISSION.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, April 1.—In the Assembly to-night Mr. Hammond's bill to increase the salaries of the Secretary of State, Controller, Attorney General, State Treasurer, State Engineer, Surveyor, and other State officers, was discussed in Committee of the Whole and ordered to a third reading. Also the bill introduced by Mr. Hanschel, of New-York, to repeal the act of 1829, prohibiting masquerades. Quite a discussion ensued when Mr. Reilly's bill to authorize a recovery at law for repairs heretofore made to the pavement of Broadway, in the City of New-York, was moved for consideration. This, it will be remembered, is a case where repairs amounting to $12,317 25 were done without proper form of law, as to advertisement of proposals, without certification of necessity of the work, without any authorization of expenditure by the Common Council, and other technical irregularities and legal omissions. Messrs. Petty, of Suffolk, and Schieffelin, of Westchester, opposed the bill, claiming that it was a deliberate steal. Messrs. Alvord, T. C. Campbell, and T. J. Campbell, sustained the bill, and it was finally ordered to a third reading. Mr. Fosts' bill in relation to the time within which life insurance companies may declare policies forfeited for non-payment, and providing that they shall not be deemed forfeited for non-payment of interest until thirty days after the expiration of the policy, was also ordered to a third reading, after some debate.

The House Committee on Ways and Means agreed to-night to report favorably to-morrow a bill for an appropriation to meet the expenses of the New-York State Centennial Commissioners. Ex-Gov. Bigler, of Pennsylvania, appeared before the committee and argued in favor of the measure, as well as secondarily in favor of a State appropriation for the Centennial commemoration.

UTAH.

A MORMON FOUND GUILTY OF POLYGAMY AND GRANTED A NEW TRIAL.

SALT LAKE CITY, April 1.—The trial of George Reynolds, indicted for polygamy, was concluded to-day. The defense admitted the first marriage. The second wife swore that she was married to defendant in August last, and Mayor Wells corroborated it, stating that he had performed the ceremony. The jury which is composed of Mormons and non-Mormons, were then charged by Judge Emerson, who quoted the law of 1862, said that religious belief had nothing to do with the case, and that the law was constitutional. The jury, after thirty minutes' consultation, brought in a verdict of guilty. The defense moved to set aside the verdict for the reason that the defendant had never been arraigned and asked to plead, and never had the indictment read to him, which appearing to the satisfaction of the court the motion to set aside was granted. The defense, however, waived a new trial with the view of taking the case to the Supreme Court. The accused was afterward arraigned and pleaded not guilty, and was set at liberty on giving $5,000 bail. It is expected that the trial of George Q. Cannon for polygamy will commence to-morrow.

RAILROAD MATTERS.

PASSAGE OF THE MARQUETTE AND MACKINAW RAILROAD BILL.

LANSING, Mich., April 1.—The Marquette and Mackinaw Railroad bill has passed the House by a large majority. It has already passed the Senate, and will receive the Governor's approval.

ISSUE OF NORTHERN CENTRAL RAILROAD BONDS.

BALTIMORE, Md., April 1.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the Northern Central Railroad Company, held in this city yesterday, authorized the Board of Directors of the company to issue 1,000 bonds of $1,000 each, secured by the $10,000,000 consolidated general mortgage to the Fidelity Insurance, Trust and Safe Deposit Company of Philadelphia, executed in May, 1874. The proceeds of these bonds are to be applied, it is said, to the increase of the terminal facilities of the road at Canton, which will include a grain elevator, coal piers, and warehouses.

The tariff of the Chicago and North-western Railroad, between Chicago and St. Paul, has been reduced from $1 to eighty cents per 100 pounds.

The Illinois Central Railroad has commenced the sale of through tickets to Mexico and Cuba at the following rates in United States currency: Chicago to Havana, by any steam-ship line from New-Orleans, $63; to Havana and return, via direct line, $93; to Havana and return, via Cedar Keys, $100; to Vera Cruz, $98; to City of Mexico, $116; to City of Mexico and return, $167.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

Mr. J. Simmons, a well-known auctioneer of Albany, N. Y., fell dead in his office yesterday morning.

The O. K. Flouring Mills, at Pekin, Ill., were burned yesterday morning. Loss, $35,000; insurance, $16,000.

A daring but unsuccessful attempt to rob the safe of the First National Bank at Covington, Ky., was made on Wednesday night.

Archbishop Connolly, of Halifax, N. S., goes to Boston next week to preach the consecration sermon for the new Bishop of Portland.

The forger giving the name of Luting stopped at a hotel in Truro, N. S., on Monday, and registered his name as Capt. J. W. Morrison, of New-York.

The sixth annual ordination of students of the Jesuit College at Woodstock, Howard County, Md., as deacons, took place yesterday, Archbishop Bayley officiating.

The trial of Eckley B. Farrow as an accomplice in the murder of Neal McBride, on the night of Feb. 14, 1874, was concluded yesterday at Mauch Chunk, Penn., and resulted in a verdict of not guilty, the jury being out only three minutes.

In Philadelphia yesterday Frederick Young committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. He leaves a wife and five children. He had been out of employment a long time, and being unable to pay his rent had been ordered to move.

The jury in the case of Gilmore and others for maintaining a nuisance at the Variety Theatre, in Philadelphia, where the can-can was performed, yesterday returned a verdict of not guilty against all the defendants.

Rev. Joseph Eldridge, D. D., of Norfolk, Conn., who last Summer resigned the pastorate of the Congregational Church at that place after a service of forty-two years, died on Wednesday night. The deceased, who was one of the ablest of the New-England clergy, graduated at Yale College in the class of 1829.

THE SENATORIAL EXCURSIONISTS.

NEW-ORLEANS, April 1.—The Senatorial excursionists, en route for Mexico, arrived here this morning. Numerous persons called upon the party during the day at the St. Charles Hotel. The report that yellow fever is epidemic at Key West and Havana, with the possibility of its existing at Vera Cruz, causes the party to pause with the chances somewhat against their proceeding further. If they go on the Despatch, they will sail on Saturday; but, as that vessel has just arrived from Key West, and fearing there may be germs of the fever on board, the party may go by the regular steamer, the City of Havana, which sails on Sunday morning for Vera Cruz.

JOHN COCHRANE'S COMMITTEE FIGHTING.

DIVISION IN THE LIBERAL FAMILY — A GREAT NOISE FROM A LITTLE GUN—A MEETING OF THREATS AND OATHS.

A regular meeting of the Liberal Republican General Committee was held last evening at their hall, No. 1,266 Broadway. The gas was so low that it was impossible to see clearly, and candles were brought in for the use of the officers and reporters. Martin Freligh, the Chairman of the committee, presided.

Resolutions offered by Col. Willis and Gen. Cochrane, indorsing Gov. Tilden's action in relation to the canals, were adopted.

Delegate Timothy Hanley wanted to add a resolution censuring Gov. Tilden for not driving thieves out of office in this City, but was so strongly opposed that he withdrew it.

Great confusion ensued on account of this attempt on the part of Mr. Hanley, amid which such cries as "You bet," "Don't mix your liquors," cat-calls, yells, &c., were shouted out, there being a dozen delegates on the floor at one time.

A special committee, which had been appointed to conduct a new enrollment and election for delegates from the Ninth Assembly District, reported in favor of a delegation headed by John S. Ellison.

Gen. Cochrane moved the adoption of the report, and that the names of these delegates be entered on the roll of the General Committee.

Prof. Glanbenskiee moved, as a substitute, that the report be simply received.

Mr. Pullman was about to present a protest against the admission of this delegation, when the Chairman of the General Committee proceeded to put the question on the adoption of Gen. Cochrane's motion that the report be adopted and the delegation admitted.

Then ensued a scene that utterly discounted for violence and disorder the worst of the Tammany Hall General Committee meetings. Gen. Foster sprang with rage from his seat to the front of the platform, and, shaking his fist at the Chairman, denounced him fiercely, exclaiming as loudly as he could shout, "You have no right to put that question." A dozen other delegates followed his example, driving the Chairman almost wild. He shouted back with unmistakable emphasis, calling them "a wild rabble," and declaring that he knew his duty, &c. A delegate neared out above the din and confusion, "You are our servant;" another, "We'll make you do your duty," and a third, "You are an ass." Prof. Glanbenskiee and Col. Willis screamed out, "Order, order," and there was a slight lull in the tempest, when Col. Willis called out, "You'll get your rights if you do not act like yelping bears." Thomas E. Stewart shook his fist at the Chairman, and shouted out, "You are not attending to your business." Mr. Twombly sprang to the platform and cried "Order, order!" Prof. Glanbenskiee called for the putting of his substitute. Gen. Cochrane told him to be quiet, that he did not understand the English language. The Professor replied, "I insist on my rights;" to which the General replied, "I will get them crammed down your throat." Finally, comparative quiet was restored, and Mr. Pullman read his protest, to the effect that the Ellison ticket had been elected by violence and fraud, through the aid of the Jackson Club and Tammany repeaters, and moved that the whole subject be referred to the Committee on Grievances. Then ensued scenes worse than those previously described, when Mr. Niles, of the State Committee, rose, and, after shouting for "Order!" until he was hoarse, said that the scene he had just witnessed threw more disgrace upon the Liberal Republican Party than anything he had ever known in its history. Mr. Comstock and Col. Coles, both of the Ninth District, soon got into an altercation, accusing each other of lying, when Col. Welles jumped up amid great excitement and yelled at them to "fight a duel." A delegate roared out, "If you can't have order let us disband and go home." The Chairman soon afterward made a decision in relation to a point raised, when Prof. Glanbenskiee cried out, "I appeal from the decision of the Chair," and the Chair replied, with an oath, that he didn't care for his appeal, to which the Professor retorted in equally violent terms. A delegate then told the Professor in a singularly uncomplimentary way that he was a Dutchman and had spoken fifty times, and ordered him to sit down. Hunter, the colored delegate, cried out that he had the Chair, and the Chairman, who appeared half crazy, roared back to "If you don't stop you'll be put out." This was followed by hisses, groans, and varied denunciations. The Police were called for, and threats were loudly made for the ejection of all noisy delegates, but nothing was done, as it would have involved the clearing out of almost all the delegates. After this babel of confusion had continued until about 11 o'clock, a motion to refer the whole matter to the Committee on Grievances was lost by a vote of 60 to 74, and Gen. Cochrane's motion to adopt the report and receive the delegation as members was carried by a vote, as announced, of 72 to 53, although Mr. Pullman contended that the vote stood 70 to 60. The delegation from the Ninth was then called and answered to their names, which were entered on the roll, and, on motion of Gen. Cochrane, Mr. Pullman's protest was referred to the Committee on Grievances. The meeting then adjourned in an uproar. It was asserted after the adjournment by opponents of the Ellison delegation that the whole arrangement resulting in the election and reception of that delegation was made in the interest of Benjamin F. Manierre.

THE TAMMANY GENERAL COMMITTEE.

The Tammany Hall General Committee met last night, Hon. Abram S. Hewitt in the chair. A long report from a special committee was read on unequal taxation in the State, showing that New-York County paid more taxes in proportion than any other county in the State. The report embodies the ideas advanced by Tax Commissioner Andrews which were made public some time ago. It is recommended that Democratic legislators from this City and other parts of the State shall be urged to secure the passage of a bill giving Gov. Tilden power to appoint a commission of competent persons to investigate the subject, make suggestions to remedy the evil complained of, and report to the next Legislature. The report was adopted, and on motion was sent to the Committee on Legislation of the General Committee for its action, and with the view that copies should be sent to members of the Legislature from this City. A report of another Committee on Bills before the Legislature relating to the Emigration Commission was then read and adopted. It speaks favorably of the operations of the present commission, and recommends to the Legislature that the President of the commission have two votes, that the head money for each passenger be increased from $1 50 to $2, and that the appropriation asked for by the commission be granted.

A preamble and resolutions, setting forth that it had been reported that resolutions were to be introduced into the Legislature calling for an investigation into the affairs of insurance companies in the State, and declaring that this was inexpedient, as these corporations were under the control of State officers whose character was unimpeached, and that the movement was suspicious, was adopted and referred to the Committee on Legislation of the General Committee to ascertain if the proposed introduction of the resolutions referred to procedure from improper or corrupt motives. Resolutions eulogizing Gov. Tilden for his exposure and opposition to the Canal Ring—published elsewhere—were then adopted, and the meeting adjourned.

SUICIDE OF AN EX-CUSTOM-HOUSE WEIGHER.

George W. Demorest, aged forty-one, committed suicide last evening by shooting himself in the head with a pistol at his residence, No. 29 Second street. The deceased had been employed as a United States weigher at the Custom-house, but under the recent retrenchment order was discharged a short time ago. He had been unable to gain any other employment, and became greatly depressed, making him irritable and fretful. Yesterday afternoon he whipped one of his children without sufficient cause, and his wife remonstrated with him. A quarrel ensued, but through the forbearance of his wife, who noticed that he was acting strangely, peace was restored. Demorest then went to bed, and did not get up until about 6:30 o'clock. He then called his wife into the bedroom and asked her if she would take back all she had said to him during their previous quarrel. Mrs. Demorest said that she would, and her husband then went to a bureau, took a revolver from the drawer, and, before his wife could interfere, shot himself in the head, causing death almost instantly. The deceased was of very temperate habits and was generally respected and esteemed by his associates and acquaintances. He was a member in good standing of Sylvan Grove Lodge No. 272, Free and Accepted Masons. He leaves a widow and three children.

DARING ROBBERY IN A BANK.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 1.—G. W. Noble, of Medina County, went to the Second National Bank of this city, this afternoon, and drew out $1,120. While standing at the counter, counting the money, a thief named Joseph Dubuque, alias Collins, snatched the money and ran out. He was pursued and captured after a short chase, but had managed during his flight to pass the money to an accomplice, who escaped with it. His accomplices are believed to be Mike Allen, alias Shiney Mike, and James Curran, alias Peipes. Dubuque formerly resided in Albany, N. Y. Allen was subsequently arrested but no money was recovered.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

Mr. William S. Flippen will lecture before the Liberal Club this evening on "Spanish Rule in Cuba."

The annual reunion of the Alumni Association of Columbia College Law School will take place at Delmonico's this evening.

Chamberlain Tappan has collected $4,920 15 from the various banks—the amount being interest on the City deposits for the month of March.

The reception and private view of the works of art at the National Academy of Design will take place on Wednesday evening next at 8 o'clock.

The Harvard Glee Club will give an entertainment at Steinway Hall this evening for the benefit of the New-York Homeopathic Fair Association.

A calico ball was held at the Germania Assembly Rooms last evening, by the United Brothers Lodge, F. and A. M., in aid of its charitable fund.

Niblo's Theatre is temporarily closed. Preparatory to being reopened for the Spring and Summer season it will be thoroughly repaired and painted.

Prof. Doremus' third and last lecture on the "Agreement between the Mosaic and Scientific Accounts of the Creation," will be delivered at Association Hall this evening.

The Twenty-second Regiment will drill this evening in fatigue uniform at its armory. The movements will be the same as those to be executed at its reception and concert on Monday evening.

Mr. Irving Grinnell, Commodore of the New-Hamburg Ice-boat Club, has been applied to by the Centennial Exhibition Directors for a full-rigged ice-boat to be exhibited at the International Exhibition.

Henry Murphy, residing at No. 175 Spring street, while laboring under an attack of temporary insanity, attempted to commit suicide yesterday morning by cutting his throat with a razor, inflicting dangerous injuries.

Edward Riley, aged twenty-nine, of Williamsburg, while at work in a new building, corner of Fortieth street and Madison avenue, was struck on the head by a brick, which fell from an upper story, and was severely injured.

The officers of the Bleecker Street Horse Railroad line, after three days' trial of the new bell punch, yesterday expressed their opinion that there was no dishonesty among their conductors, as there was no perceptible increase in the receipts turned in since the introduction of the punch.

The German Relief Society, in aid of the poor of the Tenth Ward, yesterday concluded its labors for the season. Since its establishment on Feb. 18 it has provided food to 521 applicants at an expense of $852. Clothing was supplied to 112, and medical attendance was furnished to 30 patients.

The Wolfschlucht Dramatic Society, No. 5 Bayard street, yesterday distributed a large quantity of provisions to the poor of that district, purchased with the proceeds of an entertainment given for the purpose by the society at the Stadt Theatre a few days since.

There will be a Punch and Judy show on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at No. 5 Livingston place, Stuyvesant square, east, three doors above Fifteenth street, in aid of the New-York Infirmary for Women and Children. Tickets, fifty cents, may be had at the door.

During the month of March the New-York City Mission and Tract Society missionaries made 3,134 visits, held 193 meetings, obtained 46 temperance pledges, and gave relief to 107 families. The Treasurer's statement gives the receipts for the month at $3,123 80; payments, $4,418 10; debt, $6,740 50.

District Attorney Phelps visited Staten Island yesterday to make arrangements for taking the returning murderer, Sharkey, off the Havana steamer at Quarantine, so as to convey him to the City with as much secrecy as possible. The Police boat will probably board the Havana steamer bringing Sharkey at Sandy Hook, and receive the captured murderer from the hands of Detective Davies.

Early yesterday morning Henry Niemeyer, aged twenty-four, of No. 66 North Moore street, wantonly assaulted Minick Wisk, a rag-picker, whom he encountered at the corner of Crosby and Spring streets, and beat him severely about the head. Wisk picked up a paving-stone and threw it at his assailant, striking him on the forehead and causing a severe wound. Niemeyer was sent to Bellevue Hospital and Wisk was locked up.

Mrs. Oswald Ottendorfer has donated $100,000 for the establishment of a Home for Aged and Infirm Persons of the Evangelical Lutheran denomination. It is intended to start the institution in the City of New-York, but eventually remove it to some desirable locality in the suburbs, probably to Astoria, Long Island, where Mrs. Ottendorfer owns some fine plots of ground, where a handsome building, adapted to the purpose, will be erected. Influential members of the Evangelical Lutheran churches in the City are expected to co-operate.

Several Russians residing in this City lately called on ex-Gov. Bigler, the Financial Agent of the Centennial Commission, and expressed their regret at the action of the Russian Government in not accepting the proposition of the commission to take part in the Centennial Exhibition. One gentleman assured Mr. Bigler that in view of some extensive preparations which were being made by Moscow manufacturers, and that the display of specimens from that point would excel that from St. Petersburg. The most important feature of the Moscow goods, he thought, would be shawls.

BROOKLYN.

Adam Finckel, of No. 73 Grand street, accidentally shot Christie Smith through the right foot with a musket last evening.

Theodore Crane's sectional dock at the foot of Sixteenth street was damaged by fire to the extent of $500 at 9:45 last evening. Cause, an overheated furnace.

Frederick Balman, a ship carpenter, while working on a scow at the foot of Smith street, fell a distance of twenty feet and was severely injured. He was taken home by the Police.

Detective Powers yesterday arrested Wesley Carroll, on the complaint of his brother, Anthony A. Carroll, of No. 591 Baltic street, who charges him with burglariously entering his house on Aug. 6, 1874, and stealing $339 worth of jewelry and clothing.

The fourth anniversary of the foundation of St. John's Hospital by the Church Charity Foundation was held in the chapel of the Old Ladies' Home, in Albany avenue, last evening. Bishop Littlejohn delivered an address, and the annual report was presented.

Mr. John E. Owens' counsel in a suit brought by Henry Morford, in the City Court, asked yesterday that the plaintiff be arrested for contempt of court in failing to appear and testify. Mr. Morford's counsel pleaded his client's sickness and non-notification, and he was given till next Saturday to appear. The suit is brought to recover $1,000 payment for a play entitled "Chevalier Paul," alleged to have been written to order by plaintiff for defendant. Mr. Owens denies the alleged contract.

John Delmar, of No. 440 Warren street, was arrested Wednesday night for being drunk and disorderly, and taken to the Second Precinct Station-house, where, on being searched, two Police shields were found in his possession. It was subsequently ascertained that the shields belonged to two officers of the Tenth Precinct, who were robbed of their coats, caps, and batons while they were lounging in a bar-room instead of patroling their posts. Justice Walsh held Delmar for trial, and the Police Commissioners will investigate the case of the officers.

NEW-JERSEY.

The Police Commissioners yesterday dismissed from the force Officers John Barker and John Brower.

Sebastus Ragar and Larello Antonio, two of the Italian laborers injured by the accident Wednesday, on the Easton and Amboy Railroad near Neshanic, died from their injuries yesterday morning.

A petition signed by O'Donovan Rossa on behalf of the Irish societies of New-York requesting permission to parade in Jersey City on Sunday, the 11th inst., was received by the Police Commissioners yesterday, who declined to grant the request.

Three burglaries were committed in Paterson Wednesday night. The places entered were the store of John T. Howse, No. 81 Mechanic street; James Bell's residence, at Lafayette Park; and John C. Hendrie's store, No. 374 Main street. The burglars were frightened away from the two former places, but at Hendrie's store they secured about $300 worth of plunder.

THE ELECTION IN RHODE ISLAND.

The election of State officers in Rhode Island occurs on Wednesday next, and the Providence *Journal* says that an unusual degree of interest has become manifest, and it anticipates a large vote. The same paper published a call for a meeting of Republicans who believe that the nominations of Messrs. Lippitt and Sisson "were secured by the use of means destructive to the integrity and purity of the Republican Party, and perilous to all its interests." The call was signed by the names of a number of very respectable citizens, and the meeting was held last night. Meanwhile Gov. Howard and Lieut. Gov. Van Zandt have declined their nominations by the Prohibitionists for re-election. Gov. Howard says:

"I am informed that it is not the design of the committee to make any formal announcement to me of my nomination. It is urged upon me that as I have repeatedly and persistently declined to be a candidate in the pending canvass, silence is now the only decorous alternative left me, unless the committee choose to give me the opportunity of terminating it by requesting of me an acceptance or declination of the nomination. While I recognize the earnest spirit of the convention, and am by no means insensible to the apprehensions excited by the novel and peculiar conduct of the campaign up to the present time, I cannot admit the right of the convention or the committee to place me, however undesignedly, in a position which I must consider equivocal and ambiguous. From the day of my first inauguration I have steadfastly determined not to hold the office beyond the expiration of my present term. This decision has been as freely made known as was consistent with a decent regard for propriety. The manifold reasons which govern me are known to many of my friends; a more public statement of them ought not to be expected. It should suffice, that, fully sensible of the claims which the State has upon every individual, I do not lightly put them away or ignore them. Of all the arguments which have been presented to induce a change of purpose on my part, there has not been one which I had not previously considered. I cite this to show that I have not been regardless of the gravity of the question. It is a profound sorrow to me that I am compelled to take a course at variance with the views of any considerable number of my fellow-citizens. Nothing but the clearest sense of duty could induce me to do it. But I am compelled to reiterate what I have uniformly and invariably asserted, that I must be permitted to decline the use of my name as a candidate in the ensuing election."

DAVIS AND MITCHEL.

Jefferson Davis has sent the following reply to an invitation to attend the John Mitchel meeting in Memphis, Tenn.:

GENTLEMEN: Unable to be with you, I send you my heartfelt sympathy in your proposed tribute to the patriot and devotee to liberty—John Mitchel. Together we struggled for State rights, for the supremacy of the Constitution, for community independence, and as defeat were imprisoned together. As my friend I mourn for him, and regret his death as a loss to mankind.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

THE NEW TREASURER.

Speaking of the report of the appointment of Mr. John C. New, Cashier of the First National Bank of Indianapolis, Ind., as Treasurer of the United States, the Indianapolis *Journal* of Monday says: "If he accepts the appointment, Mr. New will succeed a most capable and faithful officer, but no one who knows him will question his eminent fitness for the position. His fine natural abilities, close business habits, and practical experience as a successful banker would enable him soon to master the requirements of the office, which we have no doubt he would fill to the entire satisfaction of the Government and the country."

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PASSENGERS SAILED.

In steam-ship Henry Chauncey, for Aspinwall.—Miss D. Dorumie, S. E. Thompson, Mrs. Charles F. Wyman, daughter and son, Thomas R. Walker, Henry C. Hudgeon, James M. Murry, Joseph R. Rodrick, O. H. Baker, John H. Bessinger and wife, R. Woodward and wife, Miss M. Williamson, J. Heyward, Mrs. M. Spencer, C. E. Pfeifer, Frank McIntyre, J. K. Jackson, wife and two infants, E. W. Hall, William Thompson, Miss Maggie Ladd, Leonard Worcester and wife, Miss L. T. Clark, Charles H. Best, J. C. Campbell, H. James, Albert S. Clark, D. A. Cornick, John Gal agher, C. Mallory, Dr. D. G. Burt, A. A. Phelps, C. A. Stevens, Richard W. Jones, Mrs. A. Leonhardt and child, Frederick H. Lampkin, Mrs. Stanley and two infants, Mrs. S. Landes, Maggie Harold, Maggie Darby, Katie Glen, C. Culver and wife, John Staunton and two sisters, Rudolph Harrison, A. W. Burbank, A. C. Barrett, M. Desmond and wife, George A. Dempsey, Michael Dempsey, Nicholas Gallagher, William Brown, Miss W. Hastings, W. H. Stearns, R. S. Stearns, W. A. Heath, Stanley Fowler, Mrs. Thomas F. Steers and child, Dr. C. B. Stevens, J. M. Torrey, wife, and three children, F. A. Ames, James A. Hearn, C. A. Alexander, Joseph Wexel.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

In steam-ship City of Brooklyn, from Liverpool.—F. Widdons and child, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Castle, Rev. D. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. E. John, Robert J. White, M. Hughes, J. Holdsworth, Geo. Mulligan, Mr. Collenson, H. Pimbott, Mrs. Ravenhill and child, C. D. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. McCartney, Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Mrs. S. Silver and four children, S. R. Bonnell, Mr. Haynes, Mrs. Alice Nuttall, Mrs. Lawrence, James Reid, Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Reid, (R. N.,) nurse and four children, Miss A. Pilar, Capt. Cousins, Mr. Hutchins, Mr. and Miss J. D. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Cotterell and child, C. R. Wellington, R. L. Nisbet, H. Milward, Rev. and Mrs. Harbourd, nurse and two children.

In steam-ship Alps, from Santa Marta, &c.—Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Dana, M. S. Doyle, J. W. Philbrook, S. B. Beardsley, Mrs. and Miss Beardsley, C. J. Wood, R. Bradley, wife, and child, Dr. J. H. Penberthy, J. H. Turtle, Miss Foulds, Miss Nottingham, F. Brown.

In steam-ship Colon, from Aspinwall.—Mr. Willing, Mme. Singlack, A. N. Rotholz, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Parke, Mrs. Wilde and three children, H. Doscher, Miss E. Reid, George H. Shattock, F. W. Muscot, George W. Wade, John McKinnon, John Schincke, Mrs. A. Smith, N. S. Driggs, John K. Adams, J. W. Wilder, Mrs. S. Harrison, Mrs. Carpenter, C. F. Munson, Daisey Renwick, A. Faulkner, W. B. S. Drew, Mrs. J. Hutchins, F. Howell, Mr. and Mrs. W. Beebe and three children, A. G. Hervey, Alexander Agassiz, Mr. and Mrs. John Albiray and three children, Capt. J. B. Hildreth.

In steam-ship Westphalia from Hamburg.—Martin Philipp, Mr. and Miss H. Mahncke, Adele Karper and three children, R. Letime, Sophie Biergli and daughter, Jose Heller, Francisca Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schinale, J. D. Smedt, Eugene Albrecht.

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HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.
Sandy Hook..4:49 | Gov.